

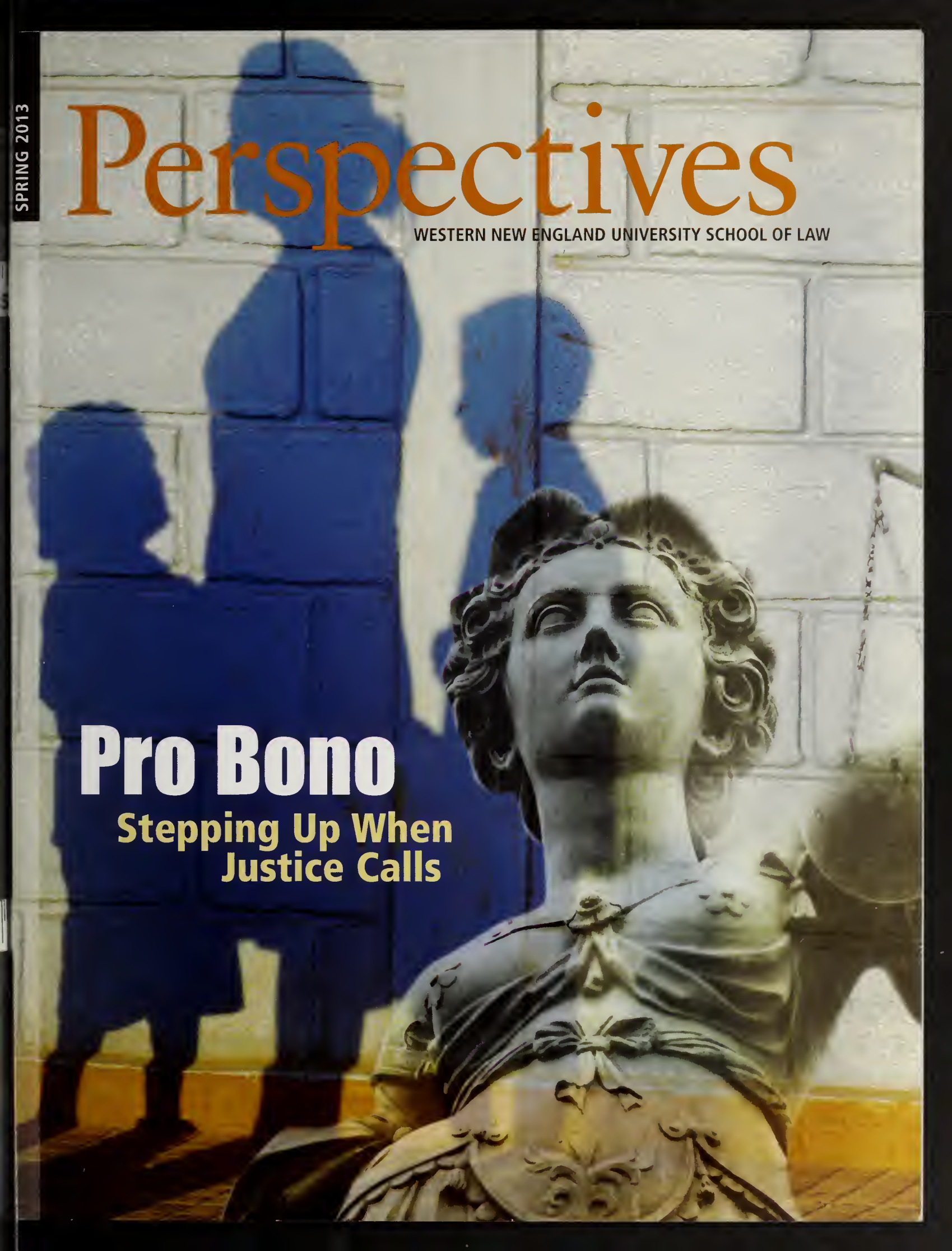
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Transactional Law Team

The team of Kelvin Thomas 2L and Dennis Carnelli 3L was one of a dozen finalists out of an original pool of 78 at the National Transactional LawMeet at Drexel University on March 28 and 29. Thomas and Carnelli were coached by Professor Eric Gouvin, who taught them in last fall's Transactional Lawyering Seminar. In the meet, they represented the sellers of a drug-testing company in negotiation with a buyer that wanted to back out of the deal before it had been completed.

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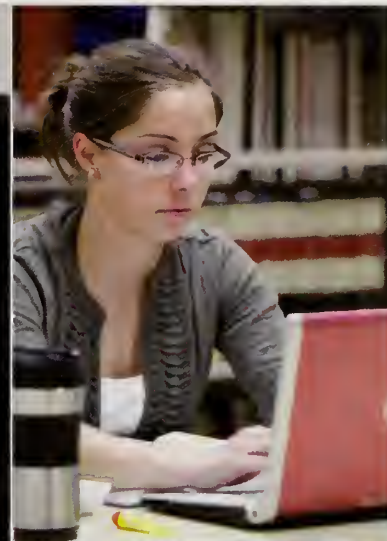
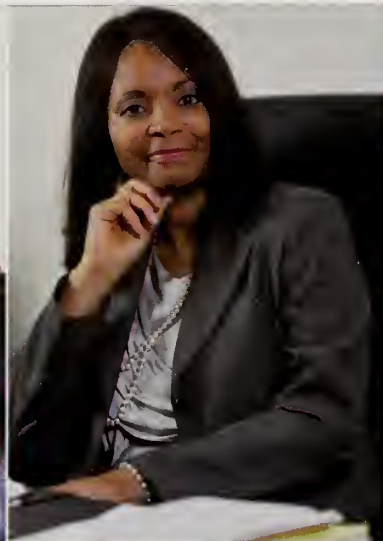
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Being dean of Western New England University School of Law has been one of the great joys of my life. However, it is now time to transition back to my first love—teaching—which will once again become my priority.

Dear Alumni/ae and Friends,

Our School of Law, our nation, and our world have seen a great many changes in the 12 years since I was appointed Dean. Here at the Blake Law Center, we have made major strides to offer our students both a theoretical and practical legal education that prepares them for the challenges of 21st century legal practice. Our visit by the ABA this past spring was a positive one that affirmed that we have much to offer students today—and tomorrow.

In the world of academia, my 12-year tenure is unusual: Most deans serve for one-third of that time. But I have been honored to lead at a time of great transition and transformation for our School and our University. Indeed, being dean of Western New England University School of Law has been one of the great joys of my life. However, it is now time to transition back to my first love—teaching—which will once again become my priority. On June 30, 2013, I will step down as dean.

I am thankful for your support, particularly with the *Transformations* campaign that enabled us to renovate, modernize, and expand the Blake Law Center to offer our students a first-class learning experience. I am grateful for your involvement in mentoring our students, serving as adjuncts and board members, and hiring our well-prepared graduates.

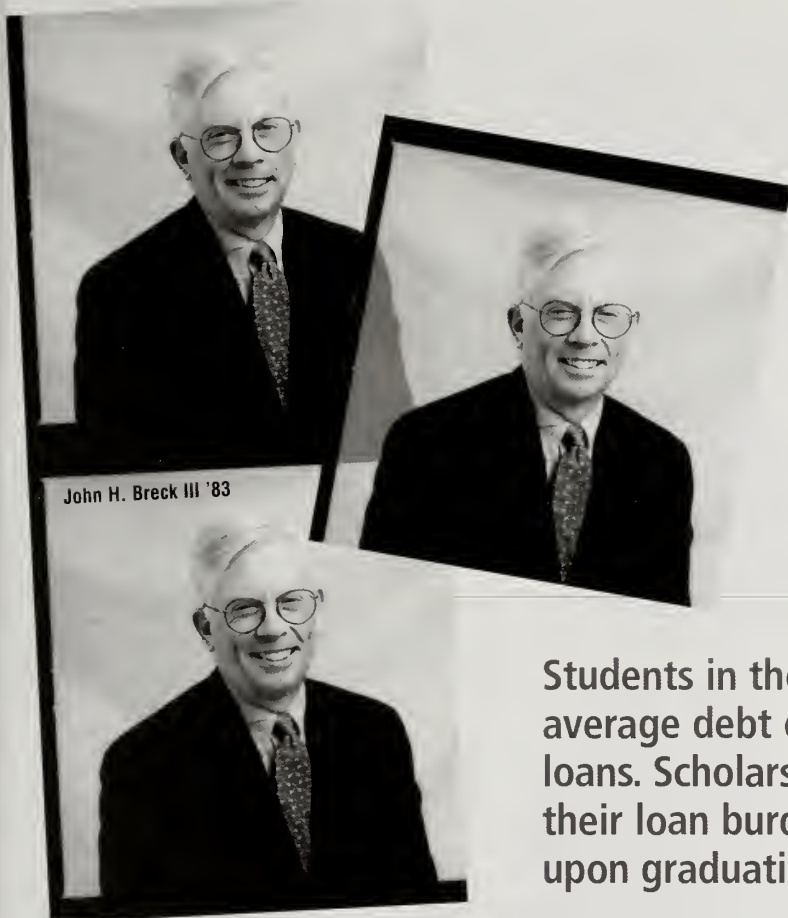
I am also indebted for the opportunity to meet so many of you on the road at area receptions and at local events. Your ongoing support and genuine interest in our current students makes this not just a community, but a true family, tied by bonds of mutual respect and caring.

As I look forward to once again becoming fully immersed in the teaching of property law, real estate development, and land finance and foreclosures, I leave you in the competent hands of a new dean, someone whom many of you know well: Eric Gouvin. Eric has been a member of our faculty since 1991. He is the founder and current Director of the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (formerly the Law and Business Center for Advancing Entrepreneurship). Eric will take over the deanship beginning July 1, 2013.

Sincerely,

Arthur R. Gaudio

Arthur R. Gaudio
Professor and Dean



John H. Breck III '83

Endowed Scholarships

Helping students navigate the cost of a law degree.

Students in the Class of 2012 graduated with an average debt of more than \$100,000 in student loans. Scholarship support helps students reduce their loan burden and makes life a little easier upon graduation.

Western New England University School of Law is fortunate that generous alumni and friends have recognized the importance of providing opportunities to new generations of law students by establishing endowed scholarships.

John H. Breck III '83 recently created the John H. Breck III Endowed Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a returning law student based on his or her financial need. John currently works in the Naples, FL, office of the Minneapolis-based national accounting firm CliftonLarsenAllen LLP.

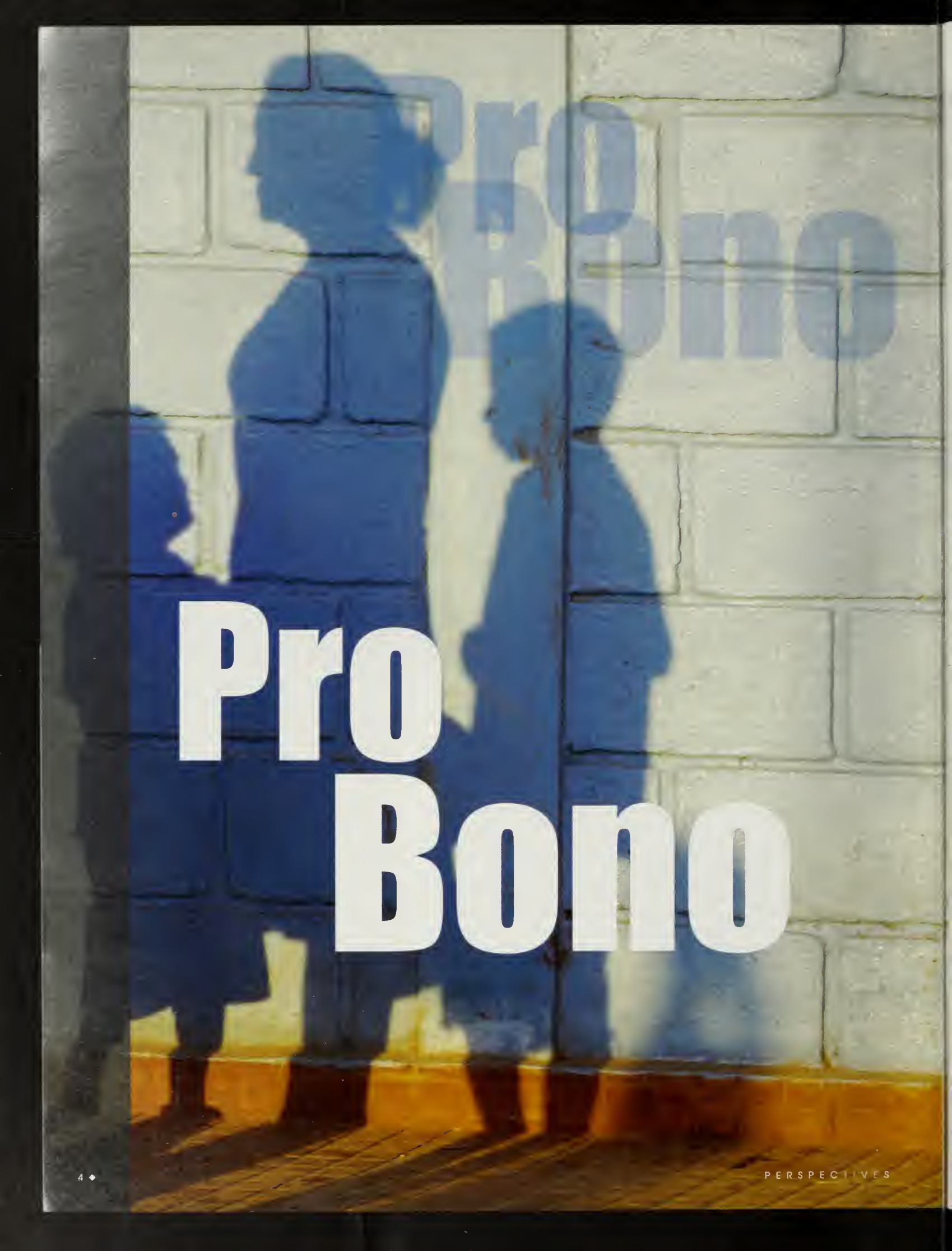
"Two years ago, when Dean Arthur Gaudio asked me to consider establishing a scholarship fund at the School of Law, I was happy to come forward," John says. "My own experience at the School of Law was one of a quality education from an excellent faculty who take a genuine interest in their students. I think I am fortunate to have a Western New England University School of Law education, and I am grateful that I can help future students, in however modest a way, to gain a similar education to mine."

Endowed scholarships are a significant source of aid. They are permanent and provide assistance for generations to come. Endowed scholarships are created with a pledge of \$25,000 or more, which can be paid over five years. Once fully funded, a scholarship pays out a certain percentage of its December 31 market value, using a 13-quarter average, for the subsequent academic year. The percentage currently used by the University is five percent. The intent is to keep the scholarship fund's principal untouched, ensuring that it will be available into perpetuity.

 To learn about creating an endowed scholarship, please contact:
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A photograph of a light-colored stone wall. In the foreground, there are several orange plastic traffic barrels. Blue shadows of people are cast onto the wall. The words "Pro Bono" are written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image. A faint, larger version of the same text is visible in the background.

Pro Bono

Stepping Up When Justice Calls

John Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards Honor Alumni

On October 24, 2012, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services presented the 11th annual John Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards to four recipients, including two Western New England alumni. The prestigious awards are named in honor of John Adams and John Quincy Adams.

The Committee recognized Dorothy Varon '95, Assistant Vice President and Counsel in the Law Division of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual), and Steven Dzubak '12, Staff Attorney with the Committee for Public Counsel Services in the Springfield District Public Defender Division. Dzubak received the Committee's first-ever student award.

Dorothy Varon '95: Inspiring a Corporate Culture

Imagine yourself in an unfamiliar place, on the brink of eviction, and unable legally to defend yourself because those in power speak a language you do not understand.

Too often this is the experience of people who appear before Massachusetts' Western Housing Court Division without the benefit of legal representation.

Yet, with the simple donation of just a few hours, a lawyer can give these people a voice, and, in many cases, find equitable solutions for the parties involved.

The power of such advocacy is something Dorothy Varon has witnessed time and time again, as attorneys use their skills *pro bono* when it matters most.

Dorothy received the Adams Award for her efforts in developing a *pro bono* program at MassMutual, for her leadership in encouraging *pro bono* activity in Springfield, and for expanding corporate counsel *pro bono* efforts across Massachusetts.

Dorothy works in the Corporate Law Group at MassMutual, where her main focus is intellectual property. She is the primary

lawyer for the company's procurement group, helping to negotiate goods and services and large-scale software development projects and software licensing. She is also an attorney for MassMutual's advertising group, ensuring regulatory compliance of marketing collateral content, and handling legal issues surrounding the use of social media in commerce. Seeking to capitalize on MassMutual's internal talent, Dorothy is a corporate intrapreneur who established a patent program that encourages inventorship.

The Bronx native came to the practice of law as a second career. She commuted 70 miles from her home in Columbia County, NY, to attend class at Western New England, where she was drawn to its supportive community. "I was 40 years old and had been working for a very long time," she says. "I was not concerned with going to Harvard. I wanted to go someplace where I could feel supported and good about being there every day."

Today, Dorothy feels fortunate that she works for a company committed to serving its community, and for a legal department headed by Mark Roellig, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, that encourages

and supports its attorneys to apply their expertise for the benefit of the greater good.

"When I came to MassMutual, there was no formal *pro bono* program," Dorothy says. "So I approached our General Counsel about starting a *pro bono* committee and Mark was very supportive, as he has been on a variety of things."

Most recently, under Roellig's creative leadership, MassMutual received the 2012 Connecticut Law Tribune Legal Department of the Year Award for Management of In-House Counsel and Diversity.

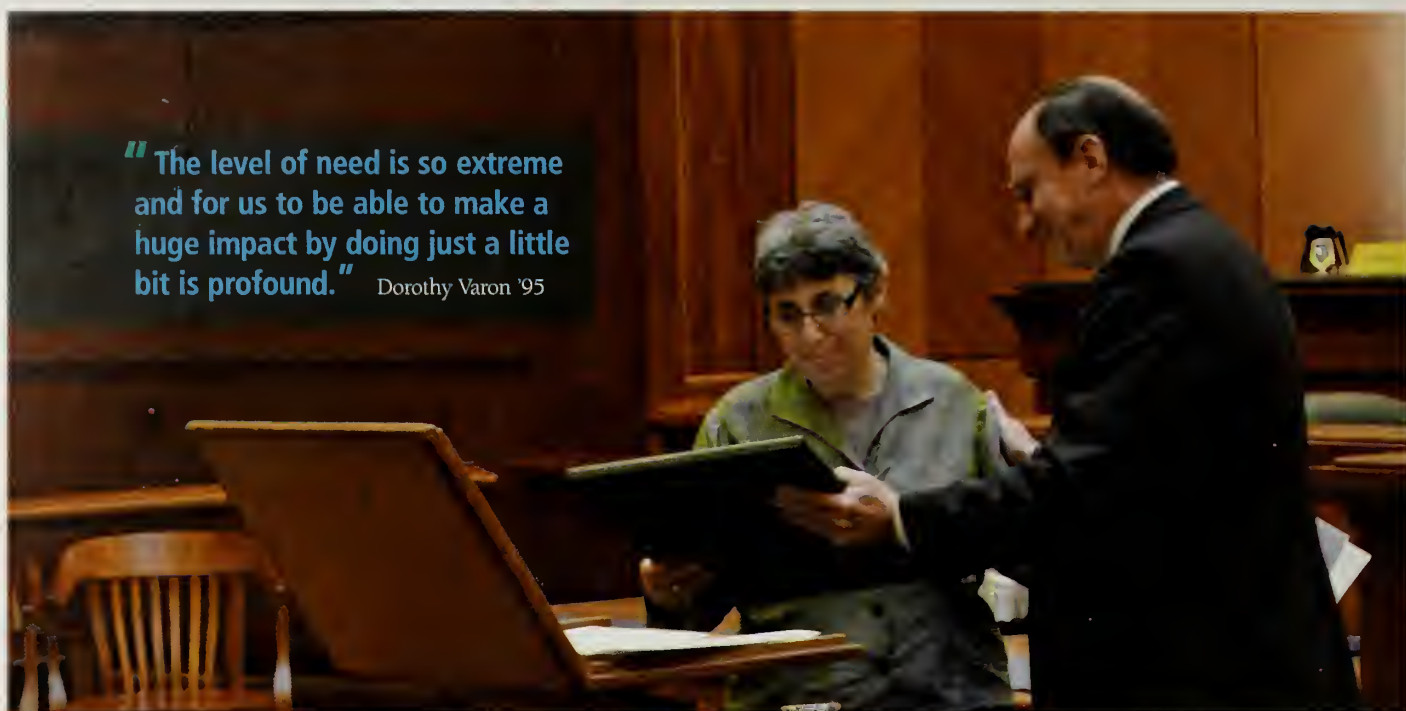
"MassMutual has long been committed to making the communities where we live and work a better place," says Roellig. "Part of this involves contributing our own talent and expertise in areas where we can make a positive difference in the lives of those less fortunate than us. *Pro bono* legal work enables us to impact people's lives in a meaningful and lasting way." He says Dorothy's work has helped foster the culture of service within MassMutual, and inspired its attorneys, paralegals, and administrative staff to "serve as role models for our company, community, and the legal profession."

Dorothy helped establish the MassMutual Pro Bono Project, which sponsors the Hampden County Legal Clinic. "We are about to expand the MassMutual program menu of opportunities so people will have more options—attorneys and non-attorneys as well," she says. "Our *pro bono* mission is largely aligned with our broader charitable purpose in the communities of Springfield and Enfield [CT]."

Dorothy is also a longstanding member of the Supreme Judicial Court's Pro Bono Committee and served as a panelist on the In-House Counsel Pro Bono Forum in 2011.

Back in 2002, Judges Dina Fein and William Abraskin led an urgent plea for members of the bar to volunteer to serve the underrepresented in Springfield's Housing Court, where according to Dorothy, 80 percent of litigants were without representation (that percentage is even bigger today). Dorothy teamed with Attorney Suzanne Garrow of Heisler, Feldman, McCormick and Garrow, a fellow member of the Women's Bar Foundation of Massachusetts, to answer the

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"The level of need is so extreme and for us to be able to make a huge impact by doing just a little bit is profound." Dorothy Varon '95



"Sometimes the best thing for your client to have is simply another voice that is trained to be an advocate." Steven Dzubak '12

call. They led the charge to develop a program that offers legal representation to income-eligible landlords and tenants through the Housing Court's Lawyer-for-a-Day program.

With Garrow, Dorothy convened a Hundred Lawyer Challenge, inviting representatives of larger firms in Springfield to volunteer in the new program.

More recently, Dorothy and the MassMutual Pro Bono Committee have partnered with the Hampden County Bar Association's Legal Clinic to develop a similar Lawyer-for-the-Day program to provide assistance to civil litigants in District Court.

In 2011, Dorothy joined a corps of volunteers organized by Nick Fyntrilakis G'04, Vice President of Community Responsibility at MassMutual, to provide *pro bono* services when hundreds of Springfield residents needed emergency legal assistance following the unprecedented June 2011 tornado.

For Dorothy, stepping in to help those who couldn't afford representation was simply business as usual. "It is a privilege to be able to attend law school," she says. "The degree you receive, coupled with the skills you learn, provide a way of helping individuals in need in a way very few others can help. In my view, it is incumbent upon all lawyers to give back. I also have the additional privilege of working for MassMutual's law department."

Dorothy feels that the ability to combine the skills Western New England University School of Law gave her with MassMutual's resources and generosity, makes doing *pro bono* work both highly doable and fulfilling. "Think about it," she says. "If you spend just three hours in Housing Court to mediate a landlord tenant dispute, you could save someone from being homeless. We really can make such a huge difference."

(Above) Dorothy Varon '95 receives her John Adams Pro Bono Publico Award from Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Justice Ralph Gants

(At left) First-ever student honoree Steven Dzubak '12 with Justice Ralph Gants and Susan Finegan, Chair of the SJC Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services



A Springfield City Council meeting on the proposed power plant draws a standing-room-only crowd.

Steven Dzubak '12: A Public Interest Scholar Stands Up for Environmental Justice

Steven Dzubak didn't consider Springfield merely a stopping ground while he earned his J.D. It was his newly-adopted community and he was willing to fight to protect it.

Steve received a special Adams Award for his exceptional *pro bono* work on environmental issues while still a student at Western New England.

Today Steve works as a Staff Attorney at the Committee for Public Council Services, and remains committed to climate-related issues in Springfield, where he and his wife have put down roots.

A graduate of Pennsylvania State University, Steve was living in Los Angeles when he decided to come back east to attend law school at Western New England through our Public Interest Scholars program.

As a first-year student with an interest in the environment, Steve approached Assistant Professor of Law Benjamin Rajotte about reactivating the Environmental Law Coalition. That inquiry led to a three-year journey that taught Steve about the power of community organization to effect change.

Professor Rajotte recruited Steve to assist with an environmental project involving community resistance to a private developer that had received a Springfield City Council permit to build a \$150 million, 35-megawatt power plant that would burn construction and debris material. The project remains in litigation in Superior Court and Land Court at this writing.

Steve was quickly conscripted by a small group of activists looking to build a community coalition to protest the permit.

"Steve is a natural leader," says Professor Rajotte. "His unparalleled sacrifice of his personal time on this matter during his law school career, for no formal recognition nor any credit or compensation, also deserves mention. At the same time, he stood out academically in the top four percent of his class."

As community objection to the plant gained momentum, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection issued a moratorium on burning debris and construction materials while the issue was being studied.

"It was a multi-pronged strategy and there are a lot of different groups and individuals involved," says Steve. "A lot of it was going door to door, attending City Council meetings, meeting with councilors, having experts write reports, and getting the word out to the media and the community involved."

Taking a closer look at the pros and cons of developing the plant, the City Council decided to revoke the permit it had issued two years earlier. The developer is contesting that decision.

Through the experience, Steve learned that even a student of the law could have an impact.

"Sometimes the best thing for your client to have is simply another voice that is trained to be an advocate," says Steve. "Dorothy Varon's program and others like it are great in that they provide *pro bono* training. An attorney, even one who is practicing in an area that is not housing or criminal law, still has far and away a greater set of skills than many of the people who come before the court without representation. That kind of advocacy in and of itself goes a long way." ♦

Cultivating a Service Ethos: The *Pro Bono* Requirement

Western New England University School of Law has a longstanding history of students and faculty committed to *pro bono* service. From our formal Public Interest Scholars program, to our annual Alternative Spring Break program, to the numerous hours committed to legal service agencies, our students seek to make a difference long before they earn their law degrees.

In fall 2012, the School of Law made *pro bono* service a requirement for obtaining a J.D., and enlisted our Office of Career Services to facilitate student volunteer opportunities. Beginning with students enrolled in fall 2012, all students must complete 20 hours of *pro bono* law-related service in the period between the end of the first semester of law school and the beginning of their last semester of law school. *Pro bono* service must be both uncompensated and not for academic credit.

To lead by example, our faculty also agreed to commit to at least 20 hours of *pro bono* legal work each year. Many faculty members annually exceed 20 hours of *pro bono* or public service working on local, national, and international issues.

Speakers at Dinner for Students and Alumni of Color Remind Us That **The Journey to Equality is Not Yet Done**

The annual Dinner for Students and Alumni of Color unites students from our past and present in an evening that offers an opportunity to socialize while raising social consciousness.

For the second year in a row, the dinner was held at the Carriage House at the Barney Estate in Springfield's picturesque Forest Park. Sixty alumni, students, faculty, and administrators from the School of Law community were in attendance for the dinner, now in its 13th year.

1. Student speaker,
Colleen Monroe 2L

2. Dannielle Geffrard 1L
and Rose Marie Groce 1L

3. Kamille Shine 1L
and Jacinda Gault 1L

4. Lillian Green-Gray '12
and Ashley Carbray 1L

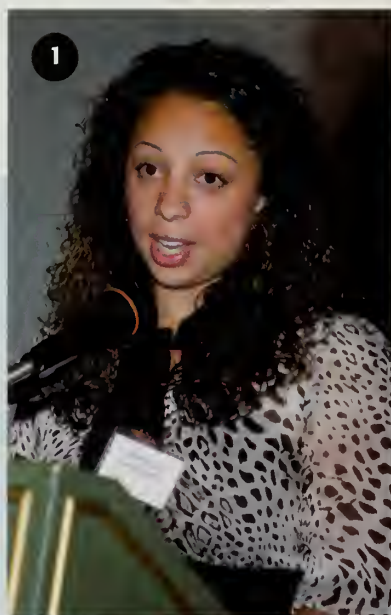
5. Alumni speaker
Charles Rucks '07

6. (L to R) Hector Zavala '12,
Maureen Barry 3L, and
Mario Brown '12

7. (L to R) Salomon Louis 1L,
Johnathan Elliott '85, and
Hon. John Newson '95

8. Rochelle Duyan 3L

9. Phelipe Johnson 1L



* To learn more about this year's dinner and other upcoming alumni receptions and events, visit www.law.wne.edu/alumni.

Charles Rucks '07 was invited as the alumni speaker. He serves as Executive Director of the Springfield Neighborhood Housing Services, a nonprofit corporation that promotes community revitalization through homeownership and rejuvenation of blighted properties. Mr. Rucks holds a bachelor's degree from the United States Naval Academy and earned an MBA from Cornell University prior to attending the School of Law.

Colleen Monroe 2L, a graduate of the University of New Haven, was the dinner's student speaker. Before attending law school, she worked as a family violence victim advocate in Connecticut Superior Court in New Haven.

Alumni enjoyed reuniting with classmates and faculty and catching up on professional and personal news. Students took the opportunity to learn firsthand from alumni about their careers and personal journeys from law school to the present day. Members from the University in attendance

included President Anthony S. Caprio, Dean Art Gaudio, and Professors Sam Stonefield, Erin Buzuvis, Matthew Charity, Beth Cohen, Jim Gordon, Eric Gouvin, Jeanne Kaiser, Barb Noah, René Reich-Graefe, Sudha Setty, and Associate Dean Michael Johnson.

A Call to Carry On

For the speakers, the event provided a platform to remind all in attendance of the need to use their professional skills and personal passions to continue the fight against racial inequality in the legal system and beyond.

Charles spoke about the ongoing racial disparity in a "so-called justice system where, of the two million people in jails, 80 percent of them look a lot like me." He asked the audience to consider why 12 percent of the population has a better than 35 percent chance of being incarcerated. He challenged the audience of legal professionals to

continue the fight against inequality in the justice system, as well as other aspects of society. He pointed to the banking system, where he says, "people of color experience a disproportionately high rate of mortgage denial."

Colleen talked about her personal challenges of being "biracial in a world that still maintains invisible lines of racial divide." She discussed the inequity of the Georgia legal cases of Troy Davis and Samuel David Crowe. Davis was a black man who was executed despite the fact that several of the witnesses to his alleged crime had recanted their testimonies. Whereas Crowe, a white man who pled guilty to murder, was granted clemency because he showed "remorse and good behavior" while incarcerated. Colleen spoke of her goals to advocate for the people that society treats unfairly. "I want to be able to show others that it no longer matters what race they are, because their circumstances won't be any different," she said. ♦



Hiring Excellence



Current Bacon Wilson clerks Kathleen Tetreault L3 and Peter Ferony L3 flank Paul Rothschild, Chair of the firm's Litigation Department, who frequently recruits at the School of Law.

When reviewing the qualifications of job candidates, experience matters, even when considering newly minted law school graduates for hire. Western New England University has long held the philosophy that classroom theory is best internalized when it is applied through experiential learning—and that makes our students and graduates practice-ready. Our focus on experiential learning exposes our students to a wide variety of professional environments, from clinical settings, to clerking positions, to moot court competitions. These experiences ready our students to hit the ground running, making them prepared, professional, and excellent candidates for hire.

Developing a career focus and the practical skills to get there begins in the Office of Career Services. Its staff provides programming and resources to help students identify career interests and develop strategies to gain relevant practical experience. Career advisors assist students with résumé and letter-writing skills and facilitate mock interviews. They train students in accessing resources to learn about externship, clerkship, and fel-

lowship opportunities. Throughout the year, the Office hosts employer recruitment panels and information sessions featuring practicing attorneys. On the other end of the spectrum, the Office is a resource for prospective employers, assisting them with advertising open positions that our students are more than ready to fill.



(L to R) Intern James Ackley '2L,
Judge Evelyn Daly '82, and
Chief Clerk Evan Brunetti '09

Andrew O'Shea '13 took full advantage of these resources and has been selected to clerk in the Connecticut Supreme Court. An outstanding student, Andrew was a recipient of the University's Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. Scholarship. He honed his lawyering skills through a variety of practice-ready experiences, including clerking for Magistrate Judge Kenneth Neiman at the federal District Court in Springfield, externing with the Committee for Public Counsel Services at the Northampton District Court, participating in the Criminal Clinic, and serving on the First Amendment Moot Court team.



O'Shea '13

are so many opportunities at the School of Law to practice law under the supervision of faculty members before passing the bar, Western New

England graduates who take advantage of the curriculum are able to establish contacts and acquire experience long before graduating. This enables them to be more desirable to employers and to be successful in their careers."

An Alum's Perspective

Alumni know firsthand about the quality of legal program we offer; many also know from experience how our students and alumni perform on the job.

Hon. Evelyn Daly '82 has been recruiting legal interns for the Farmington-Burlington Probate Court in Connecticut since she was elected to the bench in 2007. Recruiting law students from both Connecticut schools and Western New England University, Judge Daly has sponsored nine interns from our law program, including her current Chief Clerk, Evan Brunetti '09. When she needed a new Chief Clerk three years ago, Evan, a former intern, topped her candidate list.

Judge Daly believes in immersing her interns in all aspects of the court experience, not only teaching them valuable case management, research, and writing skills, but also taking them to hearings on guardianships, adoptions, and estates—even to psychiatric commitments at nearby John Dempsey Hospital.

Like many alumni who have observed our students and graduates in action, Judge Daly sees some common traits evident from a Western New England legal education.

"Students from Western New England are particularly earnest, creative, and imaginative," says Judge Daly. "They have a strong work ethic and are very enthusiastic. They have excellent research skills and take a broad approach to issues ... and they are more than willing to share their ideas."

The law firm of Bacon Wilson, P.C., has strong ties to Western New England and is among our top regional employers. The firm regularly recruits at the University for both law clerks and associates.

"Our firm generally hires from the top of the class and from *Law Review*," says longtime Bacon Wilson Attorney Julie Dialessi-Lafley '96. "Western New England students certainly have legal talent and are good scholars, but the best word I would use to describe them is tenacious. They're go-getters."



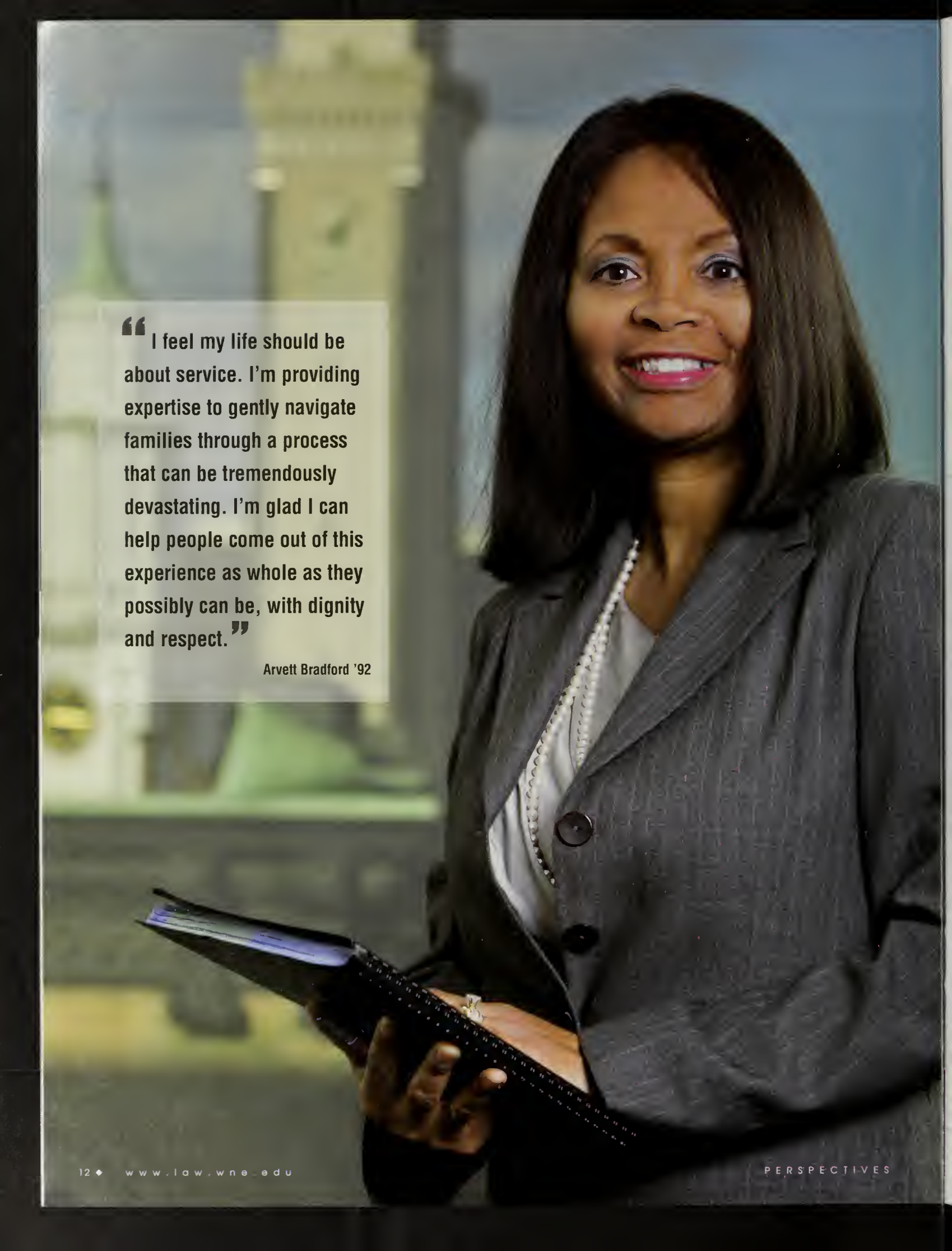
Dialessi-Lafley '96

Whether traditional or nontraditional, our students bring varied experiences to the firm. Dialessi-Lafley says they can relate to the clients, they understand issues, "and they have a lot of common sense."

Katie Crouss '12 was a law clerk whom the firm recently hired. "She was a nontraditional student who came in with a depth of professionalism and world experience. That, together with her legal education, made for a good law clerk," says Dialessi-Lafley. "In the marketplace of greater Springfield we have all levels of legal issues, from very mundane to very sophisticated technical issues. Overall, I think the School of Law really preps students for reality, and that goes a long way." ♦



Are you looking to hire an excellent student or graduate? Visit www.law.wne.edu/careerservices to learn more.



“ I feel my life should be about service. I’m providing expertise to gently navigate families through a process that can be tremendously devastating. I’m glad I can help people come out of this experience as whole as they possibly can be, with dignity and respect. ”

Arvett Bradford '92

She Helps Families Heal

By Deb Whittemore

Her life's work found her before she had ever attended law school or passed the bar exam. Armed with a bachelor's degree in psychology, Arvett Bradford '92 went out into her western Massachusetts community in the early eighties and began working with families and young people, first as an outreach counselor for a program that helps rehabilitate court-involved youth, then as a probation officer for the probate and family court in Springfield. Her role, later renamed Family Service Officer, involved doing mediation, custody investigations, meeting with parents, and referring families to community resources.

"I was going to court doing just about everything a lawyer does without having the actual clients, and I loved it," says Arvett. "My friends kept saying to me, 'You need to go into law.' It was really a natural fit."

Arvett was a single mother at the time, living and working in Springfield. The School of Law's nearby location and reputation made the decision to attend an easy one. She began a four-year journey, working full-time during the day and attending law school at night.

"Being able to go to school in the evenings was a wonderful opportunity," she says. "We had such great access to our professors. As evening students—versus day students—a lot of us spent a good deal of our time working or with our families, so it was important to have that interaction while we were there, to be able to have a legitimate conversation, and for someone to really take the time out and listen and encourage us in the law."

Twenty years later, she remembers Professors Art Wolf, Robert Lusardi, and Leora Harpaz in particular. "It was their passion for the law, and their willingness to talk to you and promote their passion in their teaching," she says. "I've never forgotten that."

Arvett graduated in 1992 and ventured out into private practice in 1993 in the same courts in which she'd been working for years, bringing both her former experiences in the court and her life experience as a single mother who'd once walked the path her clients were now taking.

Lessons Learned

"As a family law attorney, what you really have to keep in mind is that everyone who walks through your door is at a different place

in terms of a divorce. It's a very devastating matter and you are literally going through a change of your entire life as you know it," Arvett says. "People are broken. They're hurt. And you have to take the time, and respect where they are."

To do that, Arvett can't emphasize enough the importance of listening and communicating. "I try to identify what they want, where they are emotionally and mentally in the process," she says. "You need to learn what is most important to your client. You have to be mindful that you're talking about someone's family and their entire family structure. And I look at both sides, even when I'm talking with my

clients. I work to explain both sides all of the time. To me it's always better to resolve something, rather than litigate it in court."

When situations get tense and emotional, she insists things stay civil. "I won't allow for there to be yelling. It's not healthy," she says. "What we'll do is we sit back. We take a moment. We leave the room and possibly suggest ending early. It's not productive for tensions to rise that much. It's only hurtful."

Some cases she's worked on fail to end up tidily in a nice bow. They drag on for years, never reaching an ideal resolution. But for others, Arvett is able to see families through to the other side—the side of hope.

"Arvett handled my divorce 19 years ago," says a grateful client. "I had three children ages one to six and was terrified of the future. After court, she sat me down in the hallway and gave me a pep talk about life. I've never heard of an attorney doing that. Through the years when jobs or insurance coverage have changed, she encouraged my ex-spouse and me to work things out on our own. When we did reach an impasse a few years ago, she helped us to find a more equitable agreement in the best interests of the kids. Without that financial tension, our relationship as coparents has never been better."

Arvett takes pride in seeing clients come out of the process satisfied and ready to heal. Her goal is for both parties to be able to interact with one another and willing to set aside their differences to do what's best for their children.

"As a family lawyer," she says, "I know I'm helping people, including children, and am honored to be representing people who represent future generations. When I hold that in my mind, I know I have to do my very best." ♦



Innovative
Professor
Leora Harpaz
set to conclude
her four-decade
career in legal
education
this May

Professor 2.0

By Brendan Payne '12



For someone who began her career at Western New England University School of Law in the 1970s lecturing in the former Our Lady of Lourdes building on Tinkham Road, standing in front of the 21st-century classroom full of dozens of eyes peaking over laptops might be a little disconcerting. But not for Professor Leora Harpaz, one of the faculty's longest tenured professors and one of the most proficient at incorporating technology into her teaching. Showing clips from YouTube during class and posting assignments to her personal website are as second nature to her as the Socratic Method.

"I try to use technology to enhance my teaching, to add value to what I do, rather than just use technology because it's available," Professor Harpaz says. "One thing I've found is that planning to use technology means very carefully thinking out in advance what I want to accomplish in class and what is the best way to accomplish it."

Despite embracing new technology, Professor Harpaz doesn't think that the essence of teaching at the School of Law has changed. "Effective teaching has always involved trying to engage students to become active learners, rather than lecturing and delivering information to them," she says. "Generating that student engagement is both the most rewarding as well as the most challenging part of teaching. It is just as true today as it was when I started teaching at Western New England."

North of the Border Experience

For this lifelong legal academic and expert in arguably the most American of rights, the First Amendment, her scholarly career began outside our nation's borders, teaching legal research and writing at York University's Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. "It seemed like it would be an adventure to teach in a foreign country—but one where they spoke English," she says. She also had a support system of family who lived in the city.

"At Osgood Hall, I learned what it's like to stand in front of a class and teach rather than participate as a student," she says. "It was my first introduction to the need to combine your human qualities with your intellectual abilities."

Finding a Home and Building a School

Following a year in Ontario, and a two-year stint in Manhattan to practice law and earn an LL.M. at New York University School of Law, Professor Harpaz traded the adventure of teaching in a foreign country for the adventure of teaching in a new law program. When she arrived in Springfield in 1976, Western New England was in the first years of

its full-time day program. "I liked the idea of teaching at a school that was still in its formative stages," she says. "To me that meant the School would be open to new ideas and I would have a chance to make a real contribution."

At Western New England, Professor Harpaz has been instrumental in advancing the School's student-centered philosophy, sharing her passion for the study of First Amendment rights and related subjects with thousands of students over the years. Her favorite courses to teach are First Amendment Rights and Religion and the Constitution. "I enjoy them because of my interest in the subject matter, the enthusiasm that my students have shown for those courses, and the complexity and uncertainty of the law in those areas," she says. While Professor Harpaz has focused her scholarship on the First Amendment, she has taught in many different areas of the curriculum. "I've taught a total of 19 different courses

during my time on the faculty, which I think is a record for the School of Law," she says.

In the 1990s, Professor Harpaz was one of the catalysts for the creation of the annual Supreme Court Review, a mainstay on the School's annual events calendar. "We were looking to create an event that would draw not only students, but also members of the community," she says of the Review, which celebrates its 18th year this fall. "It allows us to host a conference on an annual basis with a built-in group of issues to cover and to draw on the expertise of our faculty. Plus, it allowed me a forum to talk about cases that I was very interested in."

Professor Harpaz and her husband, former Dean of the School of Law Howard Kalodner, are relocating to New York City to be closer to family. She is excited to become reacquainted with her childhood home and intends to become a frequent Broadway patron. "I plan to get familiar with some areas of the city that have been developed since I lived there many years ago, like the High Line and Williamsburg," she says. "Other things on my list include volunteering to help students apply to college who don't have enough of a support system at home, and figuring out a way to work on reforming our election system so it's easier for people to vote."

Despite looking forward to living in New York, leaving will be bittersweet. "I've developed close friendships with many people in the Western New England community," she says. "But more than anything, I'll miss the students. So many of my students have been remarkable human beings, willing to help out their classmates rather than compete with them, and working to make the world a better place. Their generosity and optimism has prevented me from becoming as cynical as my basic nature might otherwise have dictated." ♦



Professor Harpaz
circa 1976



If you'd like to send Professor Harpaz well wishes on her retirement, please email her at lharpaz@lharpaz.com.

FACULTY and STAFF NOTES



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Bridgette Baldwin, Professor of Law, moderated a professional development panel for pre-tenure law professors and provided commentary on work in progress at the Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, held in Boston.

Nicole Belbin, Head of Access/Technical Services, and **Patricia Newcombe '01**, Associate Dean for Library & Information Resources, cowrote an article titled "Fab Labs at the Library" published in *Government Technology* (Oct. 2012, p. 30). The article discusses the introduction of personal digital fabrication facilities at public libraries and their use.

Erin Buzuvis, Professor of Law, was quoted in an article by Allie Grasgreen entitled "Equal Opportunity, Unequal Interest" in *Inside Higher Ed* (Nov. 15, 2012), regarding a new study suggesting that there is scientific justification for the stereotype that women aren't as interested in sports as men. In October 2012, Erin also attended the Social Justice Feminism conference at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, where she presented about college athletics reform as a social justice issue, one with implications for both race and gender equality.

Lauren Carasik, Clinical Professor of Law, continues publishing op-eds on various human rights issues. These include a piece about the work of Guatemalan Justice Cesar Barrientos published in *The Jurist*, and a piece for the *Boston Review* that discussed some of the costs and dangers of the U.S. effort to militarize counternarcotics efforts in Honduras. She contributed two op-ed pieces to *Al Jazeera* regarding the ongoing structural and human rights problems in

Guatemala and on the need for the United Nations to take a more active role in assisting Haiti in dealing with its cholera epidemic. She also wrote a piece about the Chixoy Dam reparations campaign for *Women's International League for Peace and Freedom*.

Carasik directs the International Human Rights Clinic, which has lined up some exciting cutting-edge projects for law students: serving as amicus cocounsel for Senators Benjamin Cardin, Richard Lugar, and Carl Levin, in a brief filed in the U.S. Circuit Court for the District of Columbia in the case of *American Petroleum Institute, et al. v. the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission*, in support of transparency in the global extractive industries; partnering with the Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to draft a Shadow Report and complaint to the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations related to violent evictions in the Philippines; partnering with the Indian Law Resource Center and other NGOs on a policy project aimed at enhancing protections for indigenous peoples, specifically, and human rights, more generally, in projects funded by multilateral development banks, with a primary focus on the World Bank; ongoing advocacy on an appeal the clinic and partners filed with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights related to massacres associated with the Chixoy Dam in Guatemala, and work in the Inter-American Commission related to human rights abuses in Honduras, and representation in a political asylum case. The clinic also recently received news that an Iraqi refugee, whom the clinic had represented, was successfully resettled in the United States.

Beth D. Cohen, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Director, Legal Research and Writing, has been promoted to full professor. Dean Cohen has been appointed by the Justices of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court to a one-year term on the Supreme Judicial Court Standing Advisory Committee on Professionalism. The Justices recently promulgated S.J.C. Rule 3:16 on Practicing with Professionalism, requiring a mandatory course for lawyers newly admitted to the Massachusetts Bar. Also, her article, "A Name of One's Own: The Spousal Permission Requirement and the Persistence of Patriarchy," will be published in the next volume of the *Suffolk University Law Review*.

In December 2012, she spoke on a panel at a Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop at New York Law School on "Methods to Incorporate Professional Development in the LRW Classroom and Beyond."

Harris Freeman '93, Professor of Legal Research and Writing, taught a course on Workplace Law in Capitalist America as an adjunct professor in the Government Department at Smith College. He was a panelist on Developments in Massachusetts Public Sector Labor Law at the annual conference for Labor Relations Specialists of the Boston Bar Association's Labor and Employment Law section, held at Harvard University. He hosted the 12th Annual Conference of the New England Consortium of State Labor Relations Agencies at Western New England University School of Law, with over 170 attendees; Harris served as the moderator for a conference panel entitled "Central Falls Rhode Island: Bankruptcy, Bargaining and Beyond."

Eric Gouvin, Professor of Law and Director, Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship, made a presentation with Dana Malkus of St. Louis University School of Law, Usha Rodrigues of the University of Georgia School of Law, and Scott Stevenson from Lewis and Clark Law School, entitled "The Lawyer's Toolbox: Teaching Students About Risk Allocation," presented at a conference entitled "Preparing the Transactional Lawyer: From Doctrine to Practice," at Emory University School of Law in Atlanta. At the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in New Orleans, Eric was elected Chair of the AALS Section on Transactional Law and Skills.

Jeanne Kaiser '93, Professor of Legal Research and Writing, made a presentation at the Legal Writing Institute's One-Day Workshop at New York Law School on teaching students to edit their own written work.

Arthur Leavens, Professor of Law, along with Eric Blumenson of Suffolk University, published online through Suffolk's and the University's websites an updated treatise on criminal practice in Massachusetts. The citation is *Massachusetts Criminal Practice* (4th ed. 2012). Professor Leavens was also reappointed by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court for the second one-year term to serve as the reporter for the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure. He has been reappointed by the SJC as the Reporter for the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure, a position that he has now held for a year. In that capacity, he works with the SJC's Standing Advisory Committee on the Rules of Criminal Procedure considering possible



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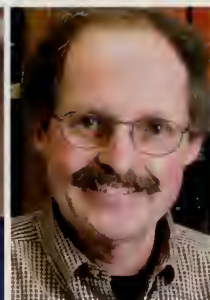
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rule revisions, almost all of which are referred to the Committee for study and recommendation by the Court. In the past year the Committee has worked on the rules governing guilty pleas, motions for a new trial, discovery as it relates to mental health defenses and issues, and contempt.

Jennifer Levi, Professor of Law, was honored with the Dan Bradley Award from the National LGBT Bar Association. Details can be found at <http://www.lgbtbar.org/awards/dan-bradley-award>. Jennifer also has a guest column in *The Jurist*, entitled "Transgender Exceptionalism Should Not Cloud Legal Analysis."

Bruce Miller, Professor of Law, has written an article entitled "The Place of Law in Ivan Illich's Vision of Social Transformation" (34 *Western New England Law Review* 507, 2012).

Patricia Newcombe '01, Associate Dean for Library and Information Resources, and **Renee Rastorfer**, Head of Research Services, cowrote a chapter "Guide to Researching Massachusetts Criminal Practice and Procedure," in *Massachusetts Criminal Practice*, Eric Blumenson & Arthur B. Leavens eds. (4th ed. 2012). She cowrote an article with **Nicole Belbin** titled "Fab Labs at the Library" published in *Government Technology* (Oct. 2012, p. 30). The article discusses the introduction of personal digital fabrication facilities at public libraries and how they are being used.

Barbara Noah, Professor of Law, presented as a guest lecturer in medical law, "Medical Autonomy and Pragmatism" and "Structure of the U.S. Health Care System" at the University of Exeter Law School. Also, Professor Noah presented as part of the panel "New Problems with Surrogate Decision-making" at Hamline University School of Law, Saint Paul, in Hamline's End of Life Care Conference on November 9, 2012. Barbara Noah was a guest-instructor at Smith College's End-of-Life Certificate Program, speaking on "Complex Legal and Policy Issues," in Northampton, MA.

Professor Noah's article, "In Denial: The Role of Law in Preparing for Death" was accepted for publication by the *University of Illinois Elder Law Journal*, volume 21. Her article, "Two Conflicts in Context: Withdrawal of Treatment from Patients in Persistent Vegetative States In the United States and the United Kingdom" was accepted for publication in *Hamline Law Review*, Volume 36.

Myra G. Orlen, Assistant Dean, Director for Academic Success, and Associate Professor of Legal Research and Writing, attended the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution Program in Vermont as a faculty scholar. The three-day session, entitled "Tools of Mindful Awareness for Lawyers, Mediators, Negotiators, Judges, Arbitrators, and Managers," was taught by Leonard Riskin and Rachel Wohl. This program was the second time that Myra attended as a faculty scholar. Myra plans to apply what she learns at the Straus Institute to her teaching and scholarship

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Faculty & Staff in the Media

Nicole Belbin

9/25/2012 *Government Technology* Fabrication Labs

Erin Buzuvis

1/30/12 *Connecticut Law Tribune* School of Law's New Center for Gender & Sexuality Studies
8/29/12 *Inside Higher Ed* University of Montana investigations
10/17/12 *Yale Daily News* Title IX
11/10/12 *The Oregonian* Title IX violation
11/15/12 *InsideHigherEd.com* Title IX and sports
11/28/12 *American Prospect* Title IX

Lauren Carasik

10/19/12 *Al Jazeera Magazine* Guatemalan human rights
11/20/12 *Al Jazeera Magazine* Haiti cholera outbreak
11/30/12 CEPR Cholera in Haiti

Arthur Gaudio

10/8/12 *BusinessWest* School of Law

Eric Gouvin

12/4/12 *BusinessWest* Small business information sessions

Jeanne Kaiser

10/12/12 *Toronto Star* Parents with mental illness

Arthur Leavens

8/21/12 *North Adams Transcript* Quoted in a story on re-indictment
11/14/12 *The Republican* Answer to "Just Ask" question

Jennifer Levi

9/4/12 WSHM-TV Sex-Change operation in jail
9/4/12 WCVB-TV Sex-Change operation in jail
9/6/12 Associated Press Sex-change operation in jail

Pat Newcombe

9/25/12 *Government Technology* Fabrication labs

Sudha Setty

10/26/12 *Taunton Gazette* Justice for national security efforts

Julie Steiner

12/18/12 *The Republican* Answer to "Just Ask"

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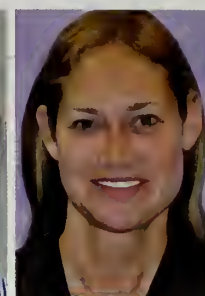
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learns at the Straus Institute to her teaching and scholarship and to her work as a mediator. The Straus Institute is part of the Pepperdine School of Law, and the Vermont program is a joint project of Pepperdine and Vermont Law School.

René Reich-Graefe, Professor of Law, was an invited panelist at the 8th Annual Grinspoon, Garvey & Young Entrepreneurship Conference, organized by the Harold Grinspoon Charitable Foundation, discussing the legal implications for start-up businesses in breakout sessions titled "Entrepreneurship Pitfalls: The Top Ten Business, Engineering, and Legal Mistakes Made By Entrepreneurs." He was also invited as a presenter at the 5th Class-Crits Conference, "From Madison to Zuccotti Park: Confronting Class and Reclaiming the American Dream," held at the University of Wisconsin Law School, where he discussed his current research on the intersections of corporate governance, trust, and corporate social responsibility.

René has been named to the steering committee for the 6th and 7th Class-Crits Conferences to be held at Southwestern Law School in November 2013 and UC Davis School of Law in November 2014, respectively. He also has been selected as an outside peer reviewer by the *American Business Law Journal*, a double-blind peer-reviewed law journal copublished by Wiley-Blackwell on behalf of The Academy of Legal Studies in Business.

Sudha Setty, Professor of Law, had an op-ed published in the *Herald News* (and some affiliated newspapers and other

Web-based publications),

regarding the October 29 SCOTUS oral argument in *Clapper v. Amnesty International*, in which the standing of those subjected to warrantless wiretapping as part of counterterrorism efforts is being adjudicated. Professor Setty also moderated a professional development panel for post-tenure law professors looking to broaden their scholarship and advocacy work at the Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, and also provided commentary on a work in progress at the conference.

She presented her current paper, "National Security Interest Convergence," at a faculty colloquium at Northeastern University School of Law. It is scheduled to be published in the *Harvard National Security Journal*. She also had the opportunity to talk about this piece at the Derrick Bell symposium held at Western New England University School of Law, since it utilizes Bell's interest convergence theory as a framework for considering the limited possibilities for protecting the rights of outsider groups in the post-9/11 national security lawmaking landscape in light of political pressures on both parties.

Sudha was named by the American Society of Comparative Law to serve as the national reporter for counterterrorism law in advance of the 2014 International Congress of Comparative Law, to be held in Vienna. In this capacity, she will be writing a summary and analysis of developments in counterterrorism law in the United States over the last

three years, to be published in the overall U.S. report.

Giovanna Shay, Professor of Law, gave a talk on her current work in progress, "In Open Court," at a workshop held in conjunction with a joint conference of the ABA and AALS Criminal Justice sections in Washington, DC. Professor Shay contributed on a symposium piece for *Akron Law Review* titled "Inside America's Jails and Prisons: The Supreme Court's Latest Perspectives on Prisoners' Rights." Also, her piece entitled "The New State Post Conviction" examines two cases from the 2011 SCOTUS term involving state postconviction counsel issues, *Maples v. Thomas* and *Martinez v. Ryan*, which create important incentives for states to provide effective state post-conviction counsel to indigent defendants. This symposium piece builds on Professor Shay's 2008 piece with Chris Lasch, "Initiating a New Constitutional Dialogue."

Professor Shay presented her piece, "Violence Against Women," at a symposium at Southwestern Law School on the role of lawyers in the LGBT rights movement. Giovanna also spoke on a panel about criminal-related LGBT issues, and her article appeared in the *Southwestern Law Review*. Giovanna moderated a webinar for the ABA titled "The New Prison Rape Elimination Act Regulations: What Lawyers Need to Know."

Giovanna's article, "Inside-Out as Law School Pedagogy," describing her course involving both Western New England University School of Law students and residents of the Western Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center, appeared as part

of a mini-symposium on law school teaching that engages incarceration in the November 2012 edition of the *Journal of Legal Education*.

Giovanna was recently elected Secretary of the Criminal Justice Section of the Association of American Law Schools for 2013. As a Cochair of the Corrections Committee of the ABA Criminal Justice Section, Giovanna organized and moderated an American Bar Association webinar on the new Department of Justice Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) regulations. The webinar reached more than 1,000 attorneys nationwide.

Julie E. Steiner, Assistant Professor of Law, was invited to participate at a conference entitled "Shale Gas Development in Massachusetts" by the American Ground Water Trust, a national nonprofit organization focused on water resource education, held at UMass Amherst. Professor Steiner's session covered current Massachusetts water laws and regulations and how they would guide or control shale gas development that might occur in Massachusetts. Professor Steiner moderated a panel entitled "New Applications of Bell's Critical Legal Theory at a full-day symposium organized and sponsored by Western New England University School of Law entitled "Building the Arc of Justice: The Life and Legal Thought of Derrick Bell."

In the PAINT

with the 38th Annual Basketball Tournament



Brooklyn Law School (above) placed first, beating Harvard (top right) in the championship game. Pace alumni (middle right) placed third, and Western New England (bottom right) came in fourth.

In only its second appearance at the event, Brooklyn beat Harvard 55-44 to take the tournament crown

Western New England University had its own version of March Madness this year: the 38th Annual Law School Basketball Tournament, held on March 8-10 at the Alumni Healthful Living Center. This year, 32 teams representing 15 law schools competed: 18 teams of law students (men), 12 alumni teams (men), and two teams of women.

Brooklyn Law School beat Harvard Law School in the championship, 55-44. Both teams are new to the tournament. "This was the Brooklyn team's second time playing," says Amber Gould 3L, one of the event's organizers. "Last year, their first year, they made it to the playoffs. And this was Harvard's very first year at the tournament. Their captain told me how great the tournament was, how much they enjoyed it, and wished they'd known about it sooner. They say they will be back every year."

This was "the most competitive, well-played, and properly officiated tournament of some players' memories," says co-organizer Adam Zahn 3L. "With only 12 teams making the playoffs out of 30, a single loss could very well have been the reason why teams went home Sunday morning." Third was the Pace alumni team, and the Western New England Blue students team placed fourth.

Law schools across New England and New York sent teams: Albany, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Connecticut, Harvard, New York, Pace, Quinnipiac, Roger Williams, Suffolk, Syracuse, Touro, UMass, Vermont, and of course, Western New England.

The event has become so popular that several law schools sent more than one team. Western New England fielded six squads: four teams of

law students (three of men and one of women), and two alumni teams of men. Connecticut and Syracuse each sent three teams.

"This is our third time working on this event, and this was the best year yet," says Gould. "Everything went smoothly, and we could easily roll with the few punches that did come. It's a lot of fun doing this."

Gould and Zahn added lunchtime individual contests—a three-point contest and a knockout shooting game—for the first time last year, and they were so popular that they were offered again. "About 40 people participated in the three-point shot contest," says Zahn. "And about 20 people in the knock-out. Both provided a show for spectators who were resting and refueling." The winners received movie passes and gift certificates to Uno Chicago Grill and Olive Garden.

Socializing and networking is, of course, the main goal of the weekend, and the organizers worked hard to keep everything running smoothly. All games were officiated by NCAA-sanctioned referees. Everyone received a T-shirt and a West-law backpack. They all went to Smith's Billiards downtown on Friday night, ate pizza for lunch on Saturday, and went to Paddy's Pub across the street from the School of Law on Saturday night. So there was lots of time to hang out.

"Three hundred law students and alums from all over the northeast coming together like this gives everybody a chance to become friendly and network," says Gould. "I feel like I have a solid professional community that's there for me as I begin my law career."



For a listing of all upcoming alumni events, visit www.law.wne.edu.

By Professor Arthur D. Wolf, Director

INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

SUMMARY OF EVENTS FOR FALL 2012



The Legislative Institute had a full plate of events during summer and fall 2012. The programs included a forum of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, a candidates' debate for Superior Court Clerk of Hampden County, the annual Constitution Day/Citizenship Day commemoration, and the 17th Annual Supreme Court Review Conference.

- On August 8, the Institute and the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission cohosted the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC), which held an educational forum for members of the public. The forum agenda included experts in community mitigation, workforce development, and tourism. Elected officials also participated, including State Senator Gale Candaras '82, the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, and State Senator Stanley Rosenberg, formerly Senate President Pro Tempore and currently its majority leader.

Alumni were well represented at the August 9 Hampden County Superior Court Clerk debate. Three of the four candidates were graduates of the University: Attorney John DaCruz '94, Law Office Administrator Linda Stec DiSanti G'88, Attorney Laura Gentile '91, and Springfield City Councilor Tom Ashe. Attorney Jeffrey Poindexter B.S.B.A. '91 of the Bulkley Richardson law firm, and Attorney Marie Grady '10 comprised the panel asking questions of the candidates.

- On September 13, Western New England University Professor of History Jonathan Beagle presented the address to commemorate our annual celebration of Constitution Day/Citizenship Day. Professor Beagle is the most recent recipient of the University's Excellence in Teaching Award. His remarks, "Shades of 1787: Shays' Rebellion, the Constitution, and the Civil War" explored the relationship between Shays' Rebellion (1787) and the Civil War (1861-1865), pointing out how the North and the South used the earlier rebellion to support their positions on the later conflict.



Professor of History
Jonathan Beagle



Professor of Law and
Institute Director Art Wolf

- On October 7, the Institute sponsored the 17th Annual Supreme Court Review Conference. Western New England University School of Law Professors Leora Harpaz, Art Leavens, Jennifer Levi, Bruce Miller, and myself participated. Among other decisions, Professor Harpaz addressed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (Obamacare), explaining the intricacies of the statute and the Court's upholding its constitutionality. She noted especially the unusual majority sustaining its validity, with Chief Justice Roberts writing for the Court.

The Jones case was the focus of Professor Leavens' remarks, where the Court invalidated the use of a GPS tracking device. "By attaching a GPS device to Jones' car and then monitoring the car's movements for four weeks, the police 'searched' that car within the meaning of the fourth amendment, a search that was unreasonable because it was not justified by a valid search warrant," he noted.

Professor Levi discussed "Federal Marriage Discrimination," as embodied in the Defense of Marriage Act and the California law prohibiting same gender marriage. United States Courts of Appeals have invalidated both laws on a variety of grounds. The Supreme Court is deciding both cases at time of publication.

I looked at the *Arizona* decision in which the Court addressed the scope of state authority to regulate immigration, over which the federal government has almost plenary power. The Court invalidated much of the Arizona statute on pre-emption grounds, but upheld on its face the so-called "show your papers" provision, leaving open later challenges to that provision as applied. Professor Miller joined the others on the closing panel, examining the current term, the future of the Court, and the opportunities to appoint new justices. ♦



Ally Walker

Through the Looking-glass: Screening of Ally Walker's Daring Documentary Invites Dialogue About the State of Foster Care

One day while walking through her local park, Ally Walker, acclaimed Hollywood actress, producer, director, and screenwriter, took a bold step to help a child in need that swept her into the complex world of foster care. After the chance encounter, Walker was inspired to write, produce, fund, film, and promote a compelling documentary, *For Norman, Wherever You Are*, to shed light on the personal stories of the children in the Los Angeles County foster care system. On November 15, 2012, law alumna Sarah Oulton '12 invited Ms. Walker to air the film at the Blake Law Center and discuss her insights into the ongoing challenges of what Walker fears has become the "business of fostering children."

Following a screening of the film (cosponsored by the Family Law Association and Animal Law Association), Walker spoke from her home in Los Angeles via Skype about the documentary and its impact.



View *For Norman, Wherever You Are* at www.allywalker.com.

"There are a lot of homeless people in the area where I live," Walker says. "When I met Norman in that park he had on cardboard shoes. I had a one-year-old on my hip and there was another woman with a one-year-old on her hip, so I really connected with that mom and little baby. I tried really hard to help them."

Walker spent the day taking Norman and his mother to shelters and reaching out to family members. She quickly found herself tumbling down the rabbit's hole into the complex world of the L.A. foster care system. Fearing that the mother was not well, Walker made a fateful call to the Department of Children and Family Services. Days later she learned that Norman had been placed in foster care.

"There's a Chinese proverb that says beware of saving the drowning man because then you have to watch out for that man's life," she says. "I really began to wonder, once I had interfered with their lives, if I'd made the right call."

Walker petitioned the courts for information about the boy, but had no rights as a non-relative. By then she was through the looking-glass, seeing firsthand how difficult the system was to navigate. Desperate to help, she turned to the tools of her trade—storytelling through film.

She collaborated with Adam Davidson, director of the Oscar-winning short film, *The Lunch Date*, to chronicle Norman's story and that of children like him who too often are left to languish in the very system designed to help them.

The film raised awareness of flaws in the foster care system and was a catalyst for significant reform, both in Los Angeles and throughout the state of California. It won Best Documentary Feature at the San Fernando Valley International Film Festival, as well as the Champion of Conscience Award at the Wine Country Film Festival.

Following the November screening of the film at the Blake Law Center, Walker said, "Changing the system is fundamentally impossible unless you change the laws." Still, she sees promise in the approaches introduced by L.A. Department of Children and Family Services Director Dr. David Sanders, whom she credits for initiating "a wrap-a-round of services—doing things more at a community level, which gets the extended family involved before you take the child away."

Walker feels using her craft to reveal the human faces of the foster care system has started a national dialogue and was pleased to have an audience with future lawyers at Western New England. "As a whole," she says, "the way we view caring for children in these situations must radically change." ♦

On television Ally Walker is best known for her portrayals of Doctor Samantha Waters in the *Profiler* series, as Agent June Stahl on *Sons of Anarchy*, and as Gloria Shepherd in the Lifetime drama *The Protector*. Her film credits include *Universal Soldier*, *Singles*, *While You Were Sleeping*, *Kazaam*, *Wonderful World*, and *Happy, Texas*.

Legal Eagles Every One: The Fall Speakers Series

From Derrick Bell and bullying to the rights of immigrant workers, the Blake Law Center was bustling with talks on cutting-edge legal issues.

Center for Gender & Sexuality Studies

Bullying in Schools: How Should the Law Protect Students?

October 3, 2012

Gabrielle Viator

*Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division,
for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

"Bullying has been around forever. But what makes bullying something that has really been getting so much attention now? Obviously there have been some very tragic instances, particularly here in western Mass. But the advent of new technology has also made it a more pervasive issue. Whereas in the past students may have been able to go home and escape bullying for some part of their life, now with the Internet, and Facebook, and texting, and Formspring, it's really everywhere. It's pervasive. It's 24-7. And students can't really escape it. It's glamorized in the media. If anyone's ever seen *Gossip Girl*, that's an example of a TV show that very much glamorizes bullying. So how do we stop it? You can't legislate away bullying. If only we could pass a law that would put an end to bullying, our problem would be solved and we wouldn't have to have forums like this. But the law is really just one component of the solution. Really what we need to end bullying is a collaboration of school officials, parents, teachers, law enforcement. It really requires a community-wide effort to change the culture into one in which bullying is not acceptable."



Panelists Alexander Rosas, Gabrielle Viator, and Kevin Roy '03 discuss the legal issues surrounding the issue of classroom bullying.

Kevin Roy '03

*Partner, Shipman & Goodwin LLP
(School Law Practice Group)*

"Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Jersey have the strongest laws in the country on bullying. One of the requirements in the [new Massachusetts anti-bullying] law is the requirement of state-school client plans, and approaching it from this cultural shift perspective. That essentially involves students and parents from the community. That's the best thing that comes out of the law because it requires attention that didn't exist prior. . . . Most of the people I work with—superintendents of schools, school administrators, teachers—are wholly invested in this as a concept. They want to know what is the right thing to do in any particular circumstance. They really care about the outcomes. . . . The question is, where do you trigger, quote unquote, bullying? When does it become bullying and when does it become 'kids are kids'? What's acceptable and what is not? And what's not acceptable is something that people still grapple with. And that also varies from place to place and is dependent on the level to which extent resources are available to address it."

Alexander Rosas

*Professor of Political Science and Director,
the Law and Society Program,
Western New England University*

"To what extent can and should the victims of bullying be able to seek compensation for their injuries, emotional and sometimes physical, not only from schools but also or instead from the parents of their bullies? If tort law is to fulfill its primary function of compensation, deterrent, and world fairness, it seems to me that parents—and serious consideration of heightened liability for parents—should be a more central part of the equation. . . . In the case of cyberbullying, as one illustration, we may consider actions akin to those of negligent entrustment, for example, where parents provide for and pay for Internet access and cell phone plans, but fail to supervise adequately children's conduct thereof. We've already seen cases of this nature with regards to, for example, copyright enforcement, where parents have been held vicariously liable for the copyright infringement of their children because they provided and paid for the Internet off of which the tortious act occurred."

Color of Law Roundtable

The Color of Law Roundtable showcases local professionals who bring career insights to current students.



September 12, 2012

Rev. Peter Sylver
Pastor, Martin Luther King, Jr.
Community Presbyterian Church,
Springfield, MA

Rev. Peter Sylver shared insights from his fascinating journey that led him from work in a psychiatric hospital, to the echelons of a big law firm in New York City, to his current role as a pastor.



October 10, 2012

Mia Kim Sullivan
Director, Civil Liberties and Public Policy
Program, Hampshire College

Attorney Mia Kim Sullivan spoke about her career and work as the current Director of the Civil Liberties and Public Policy program at Hampshire College, a national project dedicated to educating, inspiring, and training future feminist advocates and supporters.



Building the Arc of Justice: The Life and Legal Thought of Derrick Bell

September 28, 2012

Frank Valdes (keynote speaker)
Professor and Dean's Distinguished Scholar
at the University of Miami School of Law



**Critical Race Theory
pioneer Derrick Bell**

"When the Law and Society Association met in Pittsburgh during the early 2000s, I was asked to participate in an author-meets-reader session focused on Derrick's then-latest book, *Ethical Ambition*. After the session, we all walked over to the nice restaurant located in the refurbished central train station nearby. And as we approached, I went to open the door for Derrick. He paused, looked at me, and said, 'I remember when, as a child, I was prohibited from walking through these doors.' I still get choked up when I think about this. 'As a kid,' he said, 'I had to use another door. In

fact, I think this may be the first time I actually walked through these doors.' . . . Having been born in the U.S. during the Jim Crow era of racial apartheid and white supremacy in this country, Derrick Bell knew full well that formerly separate was never actually equal. Coming of age . . . he struggled shoulder to shoulder in the legal trenches of civil rights with Thurgood Marshall and others, helping to win *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954 and 1955. With that work he helped pry slightly open the locked gates to allow some racial mobility, first in education and then later, as the equality principle was seen to apply across the social board, across society at large. This was the vexed 'progress' of racial equality that Bell helped to accomplish and later came to rue. . . . Bell helped to pioneer a jurisprudential revolution through his work in race contexts, yes, but as we can see he lived and acted on the principles of anti-subordination criticality and of racial realism in other contexts as well, including anti-patriarchal struggle."

Clason Speaker Series and Public Interest Law Week

The Clason Speaker Series provides a venue for legal experts to present works in progress on current legal topics through lectures to the School of Law community. October's Public Interest Law Week included a panel on the rights of the wrongfully accused, a Supreme Court Review conference, and a presentation on the Connecticut Innocence Project.



October 22, 2012

Jennifer Gordon
(keynote speaker for Public Interest Week)
Professor of Law, Fordham University

The Public Interest Lawyer and the Quest for Immigrant Workers' Rights

"When I'm talking to a group of workers about their rights, I think it's an extraordinary way to start working on raising wages and working conditions. Because when you're talking about rights you can have a broader conversation about why there are these things called rights that don't correspond to people's reality. Just imagine a continuum that goes reality, rights, justice . . . There are these laws. How come the laws are here and your reality is here? . . . What is it that allows for the gap between your reality and rights, and how do you move from reality like that to the rights? The next step is to say, these are the rights. And rights are not absolute, rights are what political power has won a particular group of people in the legislature at any given time. . . . There's a conversation how you move from rights on the books to higher rights. That is, for me, why you talk about rights. You talk about rights because they help people figure out where they are in relation to where they're supposed to be, according to laws on the books, and where they might want to be, and how they might get there. . . . It's not exactly using law to win, but using law to think about how to make change in a problem."



Artist's rendering of the Frances and Norman Cohen Trading Room and Financial Center.

Financing Futures: A \$1 Million Gift from the Estate of Frances Cohen Provides Business Students with Scholarships, a Trading Room, and More

Frances Cohen and her husband, 1934 alumnus Norman Cohen, had a lifelong affinity for Western New England. The Cohens were successful entrepreneurs as founders of Norco Appliance Distributors, one of the largest wholesale appliance businesses in western Massachusetts. Frances was also a savvy investor. At her passing, she left \$1 million to the College of Business to help current and future generations of students learn firsthand about financial trading.

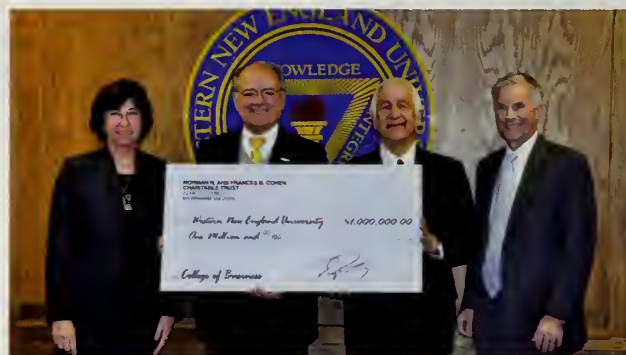
The gift will fund the Frances and Norman Cohen Trading Room and Financial Center, which will replicate a trading room and function as a classroom and a laboratory. Students will be able to work towards Bloomberg Certification.

The gift will also provide funds for a \$100,000 student-managed investment pool, which undergraduate and graduate students will trade under the supervision of faculty and a business/alumni advisory board.

Through the Cohen Scholars Program, several outstanding College of Business students will receive merit scholarships in their junior and senior years.

"They both had an incredible amount of business savvy," says Frances's longtime friend and attorney, Jeffrey Sagalyn '76. "Norman, with Fran's role as office manager, built Norco into a thriving company, and then they knew when to get out of the wholesale appliance business—before the big box stores came along. Frances was a daily student of the stock market."

Another view of the Frances and Norman Cohen Trading Room and Financial Center.



(L to R) Dean of the College of Business Julie Siciliano, University President Anthony S. Caprio, Attorney Jeffrey Sagalyn '76, and Chair of the Board of Trustees Kevin Delbridge '77 at the Cohen Gift check ceremony.



CampusUPDATE

By Beth Barszcz B.S.B.A. '07



Inspiring Minds: Herman Hall Renovation

Herman Hall was originally dedicated in 1964. Named in 1979 after the institution's third president, Beaumont Herman, Herman Hall underwent major renovations last summer. The building was rededicated on October 2, 2012 and includes new modern classrooms, expanded art facilities, updated Writing Resource and Math centers, and inclusion of the Office of Student Disability Services. On the building's updated facade, placards celebrate the great minds in art, science, philosophy, literature, mathematics, sociology, and technology. Names added to the building include Archimedes, Galileo, Confucius, Leonardo Da Vinci, and William Shakespeare.

(Clockwise from top left) Responding to increased interest in the Arts, Herman Hall now features a dedicated art studio. Beaumont Herman's son, Kenneth Herman, poses next to a portrait of his father that hangs in Herman Hall. President Anthony S. Caprio and members of the Board of Trustees usher in a new era at Herman Hall.



Rabbi Jerome Gurland Retires After 31 Years of Dedication

Western New England University hosted a retirement reception in honor of Rabbi Jerome Gurland on December 3. Rabbi Gurland served Western New England for 31 years, teaching and tending to spiritual life on campus. He also has played a significant role in the broader community and is a recipient of numerous honors, including Springfield's prestigious Pynchon Award. The reception, which featured campus, civic, and religious leaders, gave the campus and community an opportunity to express their gratitude for all that he had done. At the event, Rabbi Gurland was presented with a State House citation by State Representative Angelo Puppolo '01. In addition, Mayor Domenic J. Sarno proclaimed December 3, 2012, to be Rabbi Jerome S. Gurland Day in Springfield, calling him Springfield's "guiding light on interfaith issues."

Rabbi Gurland taught at Western New England for 31 years.

By Patricia Gagnon

When Archer Battista '77 walked up to receive the 2012 President's Award from the Massachusetts Bar Foundation from his friend, colleague, and fellow Western New England classmate Judge Anne Geoffrion '79 (Probate and Family Court Hampden Division), it was a moment capped off by decades of exemplary service to his community and to his country.



Years of Service and Gratitude

"Over the course of Arch's career, his areas of practice may have shifted, but his dedication to our system of justice has been steadfast," Judge Geoffrion told those assembled. "Through various memberships and various bar-related activities, Arch has dedicated himself to improving the administration of justice and providing access to justice for those who are less fortunate. In particular, while serving as a life fellow with the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, Arch has committed his time and efforts to ensure that civil legal services are accessible and available to individuals from Western Massachusetts. He has volunteered his time to serve on grant application committees for the Foundation and has assisted in reviewing grant applications and making recommendations. He has done so quietly, discreetly, without fanfare or bravado, volunteering not for recognition, but rather recognizing the needs of this community's low-income population."

Judge Anne Geoffrion '79 and Archer Battista '77 (photo courtesy of Massachusetts Bar Foundation)

Those who know him understand that accolades from awards and recognition do not sit comfortably with Arch, as he is known by his friends and colleagues. "One reaches a stage in one's life when accomplishments become less important to satisfaction than do the friendships formed over the years and the opportunity to do the things for which there wasn't time in years past," he says. But when pushed to note what he is most proud of in his legal career, he says, "my work in the courtroom and with the organized bar and, in particular, my close association with the Hampden County Bar Association and the Massachusetts Bar Foundation."

Arch grew up outside of New York City and in the suburbs of Philadelphia. His father was a bank executive and his mother worked at home. "I knew lawyers growing up, but it wasn't until one of those career day presentations in ninth grade that I began to consider law as a career," he recalls. "The father of one of my classmates at the Episcopal Academy in Philadelphia came in and told us about his work. Today, I couldn't tell you a specific thing the man said, but I can recall thinking 'I wish I could talk like that.' He was a very compelling guy."

But law would have to wait for a bit. Arch graduated from Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, in 1968, majoring in American Studies, with a minor in Political Science. "When I graduated from Dickinson, Uncle Sam had plans for me that did not include law school," he says.

An Air Force veteran, Arch served both as a command pilot and in a broad range of senior military management positions. A military pilot for more than 20 years, he flew a variety of aircraft and a wide range of missions, including training, combat, and transports large and small. "My first airplane was a Cessna O-2A, an observation aircraft that was then one of the Air Force's smallest. My final airplane was the Lockheed C-5B Galaxy, as big as it gets." He retired in 2001 from reserve service as a Colonel.

In 1974, Arch was released from active duty and was assigned to the Air Force Reserve facility at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee, MA. Attending law school at Western New England, he balanced the demands of rigorous coursework, his part-time job in the reserves, which required that he maintain his flying proficiency and that he travel frequently, and (from his second year on) clerking in several law firms.

After graduation in 1977, he says, "I went directly into private practice in Springfield, hanging my shingle in the library of a lawyer whom I had met doing work for the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts. Gerald Hegarty and I shared a practice together, in various associations with other lawyers, until his death in 1989." Arch concentrated in civil litigation in the state and federal courts, with emphasis on employment, real estate, housing, and personal injury matters. He was a leader in the organized bar, having served as the President, Director, and an Executive Committee member of the Hampden County Bar Association. He has chaired the Bench/Bar Conference Committees on the Springfield District Court and the Western Division of the Housing Court. He is a Fellow and Life Member of the Massachusetts Bar Founda-



Arch Battista '77 flew planes like this T-38A Talon, a twin-engine supersonic jet trainer, when he completed the Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training program in 1969.

tion (the charitable arm of the Massachusetts Bar Association), a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and a former trustee of the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute.

Arch partnered with several of his Western New England classmates, including Bonnie Marien '77, Jim Donnelly '77, and Peter Connor '77 at Lyon & Fitzpatrick, LLP in Holyoke, where he is now Of Counsel.

Today, he and his wife, Judy, make their home in Belchertown, MA. Their son, Alan, is a first-year law student. Arch occasionally practices law, is a docent at the Wood Museum of Springfield History, and is active with the Greater Springfield YMCA, where he serves on advisory committees. "Of course, when springtime comes around," he says, "I am more likely to be chasing trout than doing any of those other things."

A longtime supporter of Western New England University, Arch looks back fondly at his years here and says, "Western New England was there when I needed it to be. I won't forget my debt to the institution." ♦



Practice-ready: Changes in Curriculum Give Students Additional Concrete Skills

The new skills-based curriculum rolls out in September 2013, giving students more flexibility and variety to pursue their educational goals

The faculty has changed the J.D. degree requirements in order to give students more opportunities to increase their practical experience and develop stronger writing skills. To that end, five units each of skills and writing will be required, beginning with students entering in 2013. These 10 units replace the required Professional Skills and Qualified Writing courses. In addition, the number of externships allowed has been raised from two to three.

"This change really enhances our skills and writing curriculum," says Dean Arthur Gaudio. "Students will nearly double their exposure to skills classes and writing courses. They will leave Western New England with solid practical skills, ready to begin lawyering as soon as they graduate." While minor adjustments are often made to the curriculum, the most recent change of this magnitude was the addition of a 20-hour *pro bono* requirement that took affect this year. A similar requirement was also imposed on faculty, as noted in our feature article.

The market for law graduates has changed in recent years, says Professor Erin Buzuvis, Chair of the Curriculum Committee. "Financial pressures on law firms to keep their prices down means they want law students who graduate ready to go, in terms of their practical skills. That's the sense that we at Western New England—and law schools across the country—are getting."

By Sasha Nyary

Under the curriculum changes, five units each of skills and writing will be required.

According to Buzuvis, Western New England has been careful not to follow the law school pack into a new fad. "We want to make sure we're not sacrificing essential coursework in order to respond to needs that might change with the economic tides," Buzuvis says. "But we think the trend toward skills-based education is here to stay, and that expectations have permanently shifted, especially those of students who are applying to law school. We needed to make a change."

The move toward this change began with the August faculty meeting, when the Curriculum Committee was charged with adding more practical lawyering skills to the academic program. The committee also included Associate Dean Beth Cohen, Professors Tina Cafaro and Eric Gouvin, and students Brittany Edgerley-Dallal 3L, Anne Fitzgerald-Pittman 2L, and Megan Mackenzie 2L. "I've never been on a committee where the student representation was so integral to the process of developing the proposal," says Buzuvis. "It shows how strongly they felt about what we were doing in changing the curriculum in this regard."

In order to come up with a solid proposal by the end of the semester, the Curriculum Committee picked up the pace, meeting weekly for two hours instead of its usual 90 minutes every two weeks. Seeking input, committee members held open discussions in the faculty lounge, where they went over the proposal with professors, answering questions and listening to suggestions. The committee formally presented the proposed changes at the November faculty meeting, and the new curriculum was adopted on January 11.

These changes are exciting, says Dean Gaudio. "The law is rich in theory and rules, but these need to be carefully selected and applied to best fit a client's needs," he says. "Our students not only have the opportunity to study the theories and rules of the law, but also the training to select and apply them properly to a client's needs."

The specific writing and lawyering skills needed are carefully spelled out in the new curriculum. The writing should be analytical,

persuasive, scholarly, or expository on a legal topic, and it should be supervised and evaluated by the instructor. Lawyering skills consist of practice, skills exercises, and simulations, including but not limited to drafting documents, interviewing clients and witnesses, counseling clients, negotiating and mediating disputes, and appearing in court. This work will also be supervised and evaluated by the instructor.

In order to build in course variety, every professor will offer at least one course with at least one skills or writing unit, and supervise at least two externships every year. "Everybody teaches skills or writing," says Buzuvis. "Everybody is pitching in. Writing and skills are something that we all need to be doing."

While writing across the curriculum is common, Buzuvis says, Western New England is leading the way by extending the concept to skills across the curriculum. "And that's what our proposal really is," she says. "The student who totally wants to maximize his or her skills can tell by looking at the course catalogue which courses have a skills component in it—and there's no upper limit on skills units—and put together a combination of courses that most suits his or her legal education. Students can make themselves as practice-ready as they want to be by learning the skills in the courses that are most relevant to them." ♦



The number of required externships has risen from two to three.



The Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Kicks Off Its Inaugural Speakers Series

An inspiring array of business owners described their experiences starting, growing, and running their companies. Whether they were selling beer and wind turbines or placing IT professionals, each passed along valuable lessons learned.

By Sasha Nyary

September 18, 2012

Stanley Kowalski III '92

Chairman of the Board, FloDesign, Inc.

Founder, FloDesign Wind Turbine, FloDesign Water Turbine, FloDesign Sonics, SK3 Realty

"Most wind turbine companies think wind turbines are done," Stanley Kowalski said. "They're finished. There's no more innovation. They're aerodynamically done. They've reached maximum efficiency." Recognizing these objections, FloDesign addressed them. "For every one of the problems, we had a better idea, a better solution. And economics led it. We could reduce the cost of energy. Environmentally, we don't kill birds. We are quieter, because we turn on a higher frequency. Lower height, so it's an advantage on the ridge line." After the start-up won some competitions, it began to get attention. "We were being chased. I got a call from a guy claiming to be Al Gore. Can you imagine that? And I said, yeah, right. And hung up on him. And he called back and said, this is Al Gore, and we would like to invest. We'd like to give you some money to fund your venture."

October 16, 2012
Gary Bogoff
 Cofounder, Berkshire Brewing Company

"I don't really care what business you're in, 99 percent of it is relationships. If you have a good product, if you have good service, and if you're a people person, you'll be able to make it. If you don't like people, then you really don't want to be in a business that involves them." Along these lines, Bogoff said, be sure to choose the right partner. "Having a partner is like being married, except it's harder to get divorced. You really need to make sure you know what you're doing, that you're on the same path, that you can work with one another. Because there's always going to be a different perspective when things go down."



November 8, 2012
Jackie Fallon '82
 Owner, FIT Solutions

"IT is projected to grow 30 percent over the next five years, whereas other jobs are expected to grow .8 percent. Our clients are asking for students right out of school so they can train them the way they want. Some of the hot technologies that businesses are looking for are cloud computing, mobile apps. Security is always sought after, so anything you can do to learn security, intrusion detection, ethical hacking. Those are always very sought-after skills. Whatever you can do on your own to learn, it's a good use of your time."



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Business Law Basics for Small Businesses

The Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship regularly hosts free information sessions on basic business law for small businesses. Fall 2012 offerings included:

October 2

Legal Aspects of Risk Management and Choice of Legal Entity

Presenters:

Michele Feinstein '84, Esq.
Shatz Schwartz and Fentin, P.C.

Professor Eric Gouvin
Western New England University School of Law

October 23

Current Tax Issues Facing Small Businesses and How to Handle an Audit

Presenters:

Paul Mancinone '92 & Trustee, Esq.
Paul L. Mancinone Company, P.C.

Michael Matusczak
Internal Revenue Service

November 13

Employment Law Basics

Presenters:

Rebecca Bouchard '03, Esq.
Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury & Murphy

Charles R. Casartello Jr. '87, Esq.
Pellegrini, Seeley, Ryan and Blakesley, P.C.

Arnold "Al" Lizana, Esq.
University of Connecticut Division of Diversity & Equity

Sierra Ventures Visits Campus

Sierra Ventures, a California-based venture capital fund, visited with students, alumni, trustees, and faculty on October 2, 2012 to discuss entrepreneurial efforts on campus. The event was designed to help the University become better acquainted with the services that can be offered by a venture capitalist, while also allowing campus entrepreneurs to discuss their concepts with representatives of the firm. The visit was sponsored by the Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship.



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If you can't come back to the School of Law to reconnect,
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(Clockwise from top left) Kristen Marcroft, Dean Art Gaudio, Meghan Freed '04, and Ryan McKeen '05 hosted the event at the new offices of Freed McKeen LLC; Jennifer Cava '11 and Janet Kendall '12; nearly 60 guests attended the reception; and Daniel Labrecque '10, Jessica Gordon '11, and Bernardo Cuadra '10.

◀ November 5, 2012 HARTFORD RECEPTION

The new law offices of Freed McKeen LLC opened their doors to a Hartford area alumni reception on November 5, 2012. The firm's welcoming new home is located in the historic Linden building on Hartford's Main Street. Partners Ryan McKeen '05, Meghan Freed '04, and Kristen Marcroft hosted the event, which drew nearly 60 guests. School of Law Dean Art Gaudio, Professor Bruce Miller, Assistant Dean and Director of Career Services Paula Zimmer, and Leadership Gifts Officer Deidre Swords shared greetings from the School of Law with alumni and guests in attendance.

"When I came to Hartford to practice immediately following graduation, I did not expect to find such a expansive, committed, and active local group of Western New England University law alumni," said Freed. "Ryan and I have both benefited greatly from knowing and working with our fellow Hartford alums over the years, and were honored and pleased to host the Hartford Reception the very first week our firm opened its doors. We look forward to hosting more in the future, and continuing to be an active part of the Western New England community in Hartford."



◀ October 18, 2012 WASHINGTON, DC, PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION

Alumni and friends from the Washington, DC, area heard firsthand about recent developments at Western New England University during a Presidential Reception held on October 18, 2012, at the Hay-Adams Hotel. President Anthony S. Caprio briefed guests on the latest news from the University, including newly established academic programs.

President Caprio shared details about Western New England's second doctoral program, the Ph.D. in Engineering Management; the second School of Law Master of Laws degree, the LL.M. in Closely-held Businesses; and the new Civil Engineering undergraduate major. He also announced the introduction of the Master of Arts in Communication with a Public Relations Concentration that will be offered in fall of 2013. He invited alumni to come back to campus to see facility changes firsthand, including the Center for the Sciences and Pharmacy and the recently renovated Herman Hall.

The event's host, Stephanie Schlatter '07, noted Western New England University's physical transformation and rising reputation. "These accomplishments couldn't have been realized without the generosity of our alumni and friends," she said.

Attendees included Dean Art Gaudio and Vice President for Advancement Beverly J. Dwight.

(Above) Tammy Hui '08, Dean Art Gaudio, and Michael Belarmino '08. (Below) Host Stephanie Schlatter '07 with Ilene Fine '07.

Meet Student Caller Matt Michanczyk: The Man Behind \$30,000 of Law Phonathon Donations



If you received a call in the past three years from an enthusiastic student-caller inviting you to make a gift to the Annual Fund, chances are you spoke with Matt Michanczyk B.S.B.A. '12.

Over the past three years, Matt has raised close to \$75,000 for the University, with approximately \$30,000 of those funds specifically allocated to the School of Law.

If Matt seemed especially committed to the School of Law, he has good reason.

A December 2012 graduate of the Law and Society program at the University, he plans to join the U.S. Marine Officer Training program and pursue a law degree after his military service. To prepare for that goal, Matt participated in the University's Washington Semester program and interned at the DC Law Offices of Carmen and Muss, P.L.L.C.

Matt learned more about his intended career through his phonathon calls.

"My favorite part of calling law alumni was how generous they were, not only with their gifts, but also their knowledge," said Matt. "Many nights I left a calling session with new knowledge and a broadened perspective about the field of law."

To help Matt remember where to send his law application, the School of Law presented him with a school messenger bag as a special thank you.

Keep informed about speakers, events, and other news of the School of Law by visiting www.law.wne.edu. For news on the Law Alumni Association, visit

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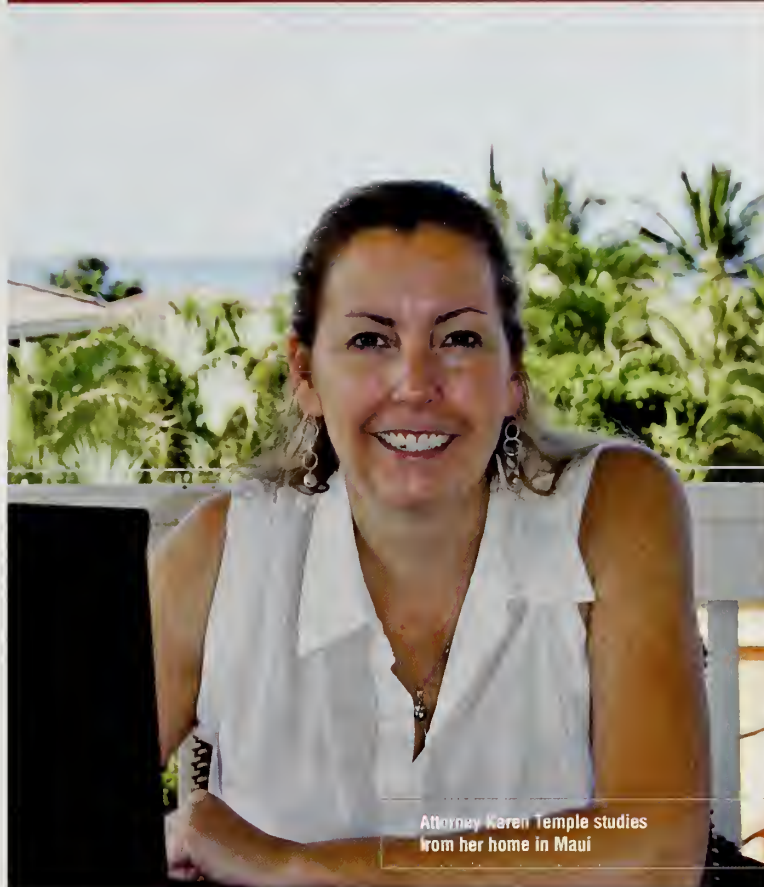
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1974

Robert F. Connelly was honored at the annual Red Mass by the St. Thomas More Society at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield, MA. He is a partner in the law firm of Moriarty, Donoghue & Leja, P.C., in Springfield, MA.

The **Honorable Robert L. Howarth** was honored with a portrait unveiling in the Palmer District Court. Associate Justice Howarth retired from the Palmer District Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, after 25 years of service.

1975

Theodore E. Cooledge, of the law Offices of Cooledge & Lauro in Springfield, MA, was honored for his *pro bono* work during an October 23, 2012, reception sponsored by the Massachusetts Justice Project, Community Legal Aid, the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire County Bar Associations, and Senior Partners for Justice-West.

1976

Class Agent Gary Thomas
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Mark Kolber and his wife, **Janet Doolin '79**, have relocated to North Carolina, where Janet is teaching in the Nonprofit Management Program at Duke University.

1977

Class Agent Marty Martin marty_martin@martinlegalhelp.com

Marty Martin has been inducted into the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Hall of Fame in honor of his exemplary leadership and significant impact on Raleigh, NC. Marty also presented a webinar titled "Board Culture: How to Prevent a Shift in the Wrong Direction." Marty's law practice focuses on providing legal and training services to nonprofit organizations. He currently serves on the national IRS Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities. He is an instructor for the Duke Nonprofit Management Certificate, Intensive and Advance Leadership programs, and is affiliated with the North Carolina State University Institute for Nonprofits.

1978

35 Years

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Thomas J. Haley was given the Liberty Bell Award for his 35 years of service by the New London County Bar Association at its annual Law Day Luncheon. The keynote speaker was the **Honorable John M. Newson '95**.

1979

Class Agents: Anne Geoffrion
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Deborah Grover
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Lew Kurland
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Janet Doolin and her husband, **Mark Kolber '76**, have relocated to North Carolina, where Janet is teaching in the Nonprofit Management Program at Duke University.

John W. Drake, a solo practitioner in Northampton, MA, was honored for his *pro bono* work during an October 23, 2012, reception sponsored by the Massachusetts Justice Project, Community Legal Aid, the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire County Bar Associations, and Senior Partners for Justice-West.

Col. David Molik assumed command of the New York Guard's 10th Brigade at a ceremony at the State Armory in Troy, NY. He has received numerous awards and citations for his military leadership during support operations related to the crash of TWA Flight 800 and the 9/11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

Paul Nicolai has been named by his peers as one of the *Best Lawyers in America* in commercial litigation. He founded Nicolai Law Group, which ranks among the Best Law Firms, according to *U.S. News and World Report*, after serving as General Counsel and Assistant Clerk for Friendly's Ice Cream, LLC.

1980

Pamela A. Croke has been appointed Executive Vice President of the Bucks County (PA) Association of Realtors.

The **Honorable Sheila DiTullio** has been honored by Houghton College as the 2012 Alumna of the Year. Judge DiTullio has served as an Erie County Court judge since 1996.

1981

Class Agent Bill Stevens
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1982

Class Agent Tina S. Page
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State Representative **Lawrence F. Cafero** has been re-elected to the State of Connecticut General Assembly for a ninth term.

Senator Gale D. Candaras has been awarded the President's Award by the Massachusetts Bar Association for service to the profession and the community.

1983

30 Years

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Class Agents: Maureen Burns
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David A. Chenkin is currently a partner at Kahn, Chenkin & Resnik, P.L., located in Dania, FL. He devotes his practice to representing publicly held and privately owned companies.

James H. Fierberg serves as Of Counsel for the law firm of Rice, Pugatch, Robinson & Schiller, P.A., in their Fort Lauderdale, FL, office.



Martin '77



Fredricks '83 with Katie Couric



Iannaccone '94

Laura Fredricks appeared with Katie Couric on her new Web-based ABC News show, *Katie's Take*, speaking about "how to ask for a better you in 2013."

Melinda M. Phelps, partner at the Springfield, MA, law firm of Bulkley Richardson, has been named a Fellow for MassInc's Gateway Cities Innovation Institute.

Edward M. Pikula was honored at the annual Red Mass by the St. Thomas More Society at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield, MA. Ed is the Springfield City Solicitor.

1984

Class Agent Ina Forman
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Christina Calabrese has been appointed First Assistant Clerk Magistrate in the Hampden County Juvenile Court for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Katherine Coolidge was recognized by the American Association of Law Libraries at its annual meeting in Boston for cochairing the Local Arrangements Committee with fellow Western New England University School of Law alum **Susan D. Zago '02**.

Michele Feinstein has been selected as a 2012 Massachusetts Super Lawyer. Michele is a partner at the firm of Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C. In October, Feinstein presented "Legal Aspects of Risk Management & Choice of Legal Entity" at the Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship at Western New England University School of Law.

1985

Michael Carey has been elected to the position of Hampshire County Register of Probate for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

1986

Class Agent Judith Jones
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Jill McCarthy-Payne has been selected to serve on the new casino advisory committee in Springfield, MA. Jill is Professor of Criminal Justice at American International College in Springfield.

Eileen Sorrentino has retired from her mediation law practice in Chicopee, MA, and is now volunteering with a non-profit organization providing free legal services for indigent clients in Bristol County's probate courts. Her daughter, **Kathryn Crouss '12**, has joined the law firm of Bacon Wilson, P.C., as a litigation associate.

1987

John H. Rouse has been elected as a Suffolk County (NY) Court judge. John is also the Superintendent of Highways for Brookhaven, NY.

1988

25 Years

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Class Agent Michael Borg
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Ellen W. Freyman has been awarded Springfield's prestigious William Pynchon Award for her efforts to build a better community, particularly for her work with immigrant Somali families. Ellen is a partner in the law firm of Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C.

Wally Kelleman has her own practice, Kelleman Law Firm, P.C., in Snellville, GA, where she focuses on elder law. She also teaches and lectures in the

community on topics such as "Aging is Risky Business: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You." The former editor of *ElderCare Matters*, a publication of Georgia Elder Care Network, Wally has been a guest lecturer at Emory University and often serves as *pro bono* attorney in the Atlanta area.

1989

Patricia M. O'Connell, has retired after 11 years as Dean of Students at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School in Upton, MA. Patricia was in private practice specializing in juvenile law in Hampden County for 10 years prior to joining the leadership team at Blackstone Valley.

1990

Class Agent Kathleen Porter
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1992

Daniel J. Finnegan was selected by his peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* (2013) in the fields of construction litigation and administrative and regulatory law. Daniel is a partner at the firm of Bulkley Richardson in Springfield, MA.

Ellen Kisiel has joined AIX Group/The Hanover Insurance Group as product manager and underwriting compliance professional in Windsor, CT.

Paul Mancinone, Western New England University Trustee, published "IRS Penalties: Speak Softly and Carry Form 8275," in *Accounting Today* in September.

1993

20 Years

20th CLASS REUNION
June 8, 2013

Class Agents: Katie Stone-Harrington
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Marylou Fabbo has been named a Super Lawyer for her work in the area of labor and employment at the law firm of Skolar, Abbott & Presser, P.C., in Springfield, MA.

1994

Paul Iannaccone, a partner at the Hartford, CT, law firm of RisCassi and Davis, has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Lt. Col. Michael "Dan" Mori, former U.S. military lawyer and human rights advocate, has joined Shine Lawyers in Australia as Special Counsel with the firm's national social justice team. Lt. Col. Mori has fought to preserve human rights and dignity through his work with the U.S. Department of Defense and is best known for his representation of Guantanamo Bay detainee David Hicks of Australia.

Carolyn E. Scott, a general practitioner in the Law Office of Carolyn Scott-Howe, in Chicopee, MA, was honored for her *pro bono* work during an October 23, 2012, reception sponsored by the Massachusetts Justice Project, Community Legal Aid, the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire County Bar Associations, and Senior Partners for Justice-West.

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We are always interested in hearing from you. If you have news of career advancement or change, professional accomplishments or activities, marriages, births, changes in address, or any other news, please share it with us.



Kuban '00



(L to R) Katherine Coolidge '84, AALL President Darcy Kirk, and Susan Drisko Zago '02

Marwan Zubi, an attorney with the Nicolai Law Group, P.C., has been chosen by his peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* (2012) in labor and employment litigation.

1995

Darrel Waugh has relocated to Stockton, CA, to work in the employment law branch of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

1996

Susan Fentin has been named a Super Lawyer for her work in the area of labor and employment at the law firm of Skolar, Abbott & Presser, P.C., in Springfield, MA.

Carol Cioe Klyman has been selected as a 2012 Massachusetts Super Lawyer. Carol is a partner at the firm of Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C., in Springfield, MA.

Susan A. Mielnikowski has been named one of 2012's Top 25 Women to Watch by *Western Mass Women Magazine*. Susan is an associate with Cooley Shrair, P.C., in Springfield, MA.

1997

Class Agent: Michael Blanchard
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George A. Pelletier Jr. has been promoted to partner at the law firm of Cantor Colburn, LLP, in Bloomfield, CT. George focuses on trademark and

copyright. He is also an adjunct professor at Western New England University School of Law and regularly lectures at the University of Connecticut School of Law.

1998

15 Years

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Silvia de la Cruz has joined the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, Atlanta Regional Office, as an Administrative Law Judge.

Carol Carlson Shaw has been appointed Assistant Clerk Magistrate in the Hampden County Juvenile Court for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

1999

Class Agent Rebecca Mitchell
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Richard A. Habhab is the sole proprietor in the Law Office of Richard A. Habhab, Easthampton, MA.

2000

Class Agent Jim Winston
james@jameswinstonlaw.com

Marie C. Kuban has been recognized by her peers as a 2013 Ohio Rising Star Super Lawyer. Marie is a partner in the firm of Ulmer & Berne, LLP, in Cleveland.

2001

Class Agents: Jenny Desch
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Jennifer Zalnasky
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Sean F. Kelly has been promoted to supervisor of the public defender's office at Geographical Area 10 in New London, CT. Sean is married and has three sons. When not working, he coaches Little League baseball.

Patricia Newcombe, Associate Dean for Library & Information Resources, School of Law, and Renee Rastorfer, head of research services, School of Law, cowrote "Researching Massachusetts Law," a chapter in *Massachusetts Criminal Practice* (Eric Blumenson & Arthur B. Leavens eds., 4th ed., 2012).

Angelo J. Puppolo Jr. has been re-elected as the Twelfth Hampden District State Representative for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

2002

Lori Beth Leavitt Wheeler has been appointed Assistant Clerk Magistrate in the Hampden County Juvenile Court for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Susan D. Zago is currently the Director and Assistant Professor of Law at the University of New Hampshire School of Law, formerly Franklin Pierce Law Center, in Concord, NH. Susan was recognized by the American Association of Law Libraries at its annual

meeting in Boston for cochairing the Local Arrangements Committee with fellow Western New England University School of Law alum **Katherine K. Coolidge '84**.

2003

10 Years

TENTH CLASS REUNION
June 8, 2013

Class Agent Karen Romano
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Denis-Andrei Mesinschi has continued to grow his cross-border law practice, Mesinschi Law Office, focusing on corporate, contract, and immigration law in Toronto and Maine, where he lives with his wife and two dogs. Denis volunteers with Catholic Charities with respect to their immigration matters, and represents the interests of the Romanian expatriate community in Toronto.

Kevin Roy was a featured panelist on the discussion titled "Bullying in Schools: How Should the Law Protect Students?" presented by the Center for Gender & Sexuality Studies at Western New England University School of Law in October. Kevin is a partner at Shipman & Goodwin in Hartford, CT.

2004

Class Agent Kelley Cooper Miller
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Craig A. Hoffman has been named one of *Law Bulletin's* 40 Illinois Attorneys Under

Become a Class Agent

The School of Law is committed to maintaining quality connections between our alumni and the School of Law. Our Class Agent program is an essential part of the commitment and is designed to engage classmates supporting the initiatives here at the School of Law and also serve as a resource for our alumni. Class agents serve as a vital part of the connection process, acting as liaisons between their classmates and the School.

If you are interested in serving as a Class Agent, please contact Carol Thompson at cthompson@law.wne.edu or visit the School of Law Alumni Class Agent webpage in the "Get Involved" section.



Schlatter '07, with President Obama



Bandeian '09 Wedding



Michael K. Yudin '91

Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Washington, DC

Forty to Watch, based on his dedication to and achievements in the areas of tort and complex litigation. He is managing partner in Ruberry, Stalmack & Garvey, LLC, in Chicago.

Brenda Oppermann presented a discussion at Western New England University School of Law about the international community's conception and implementation of rule of law programming titled "Customary Law: A Problem to be Solved or a Resource to be Utilized?" Brenda recently returned to the U.S. after spending a year and a half in Kandahar, Afghanistan, working on development, stability, and governance issues for the ISAF Commander's Advisory and Assistance Team and Regional Command-South's Regional Initiatives Group. She had previously spent significant time in Iraq as a technical advisor with the USAID Community Stabilization Program, and as a political/military/rule-of-law (ROL) advisor with Multi National Corps-Iraq.

2005

Class Agent Julia Lentini Marquis
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Renee Miller-Mizia has joined Alvarez & Marsal in its Global Forensic and Dispute Services practice as a managing director in the Boston office.

Laurie Lawlor Schwartz has recently joined the firm of Hunton & Williams, LLP, in Atlanta.

2007

Class Agents: Kelly Koch
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Wheatly Gulmi-Landy has opened her own law office, Wheatly R. Gulmi-Landy, Attorney at Law, in Northampton, MA.

Stephanie Schlatter, a staff attorney at the Washington DC, law firm of Buckley Sandler, LLP, has been fundraising for the Obama campaign for the last two years. She was a cochair in the Mid-Atlantic region for Lawyers for Obama and Gen44, and a member of the Obama Victory Trustees, which she earned by raising more than \$100,000. Stephanie was able to attend the Democratic Convention in Charlotte and all of the Inaugural events.

2008

5 Years

FIFTH CLASS REUNION
June 8, 2013

Class Agents: Kendra Berardi
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Kendra Lee Berardi and Brian Kelleher Jr. were married on September 15, 2012. Kendra is an associate with Robinson & Cole, LLP, in Boston.

L. Alexandra Hogan has been selected as a Massachusetts Super Lawyer Rising Star. Alex is an associate in the law firm of Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C., in Springfield, MA.

David Webber has been selected as a Massachusetts Super Lawyer Rising Star. David is an associate in the law firm of Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C., in Springfield, MA.

Gary Zerella has joined ICON International, Inc., in Stamford, CT, as a Media Operations Contract Coordinator.

2009

Class Agent John Bandeian
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John Bandeian married Dorothy Jackson on September 2, 2012, at their home in Holyoke, MA. Please note the bow-tie in honor of the great professors and dean of Western New England University School of Law, along with the custom Converse sneakers, which were Dorothy's idea. In attendance were **Matt Madara '09, Sarah Vangel (Biolsi) '09, Dan Hespeler '09, Zach Ryan '09, Spencer Naake '10, and Kelly Gruber Coble '09.** Kevin Coble '09 wasn't able to make it because of his JAG deployment.

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Where are they now?

How did you get into education policy?

"I was working at the Social Security Administration on policy and legislation. I applied for a fellowship to work on the Hill. That's where I got the opportunity to work on education law. I didn't have any significant background in education policy, but I had agency and regulatory experience. No Child Left Behind was being authorized at the time and I fell in love with both working in the legislative branch—working in the United States Senate—and working on education policy."

What do you do in your current position?

"My office is responsible for implementing a number of federal programs related to special education, vocational rehabilitation, independent living, and rehabilitation research programs. We provide funds and support to states, school districts, and nonprofit organizations to promote inclusion, ensure equity, and create opportunities for kids and adults with disabilities."

How do you do that?

"For example, the courts have said that kids with disabilities are entitled to a free appropriate public education. Congress developed legislation in the seventies, which is now known as I.D.E.A., the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, that provides resources to states to help them meet their constitutional obligations to kids with disabilities. We are always looking to help improve program performance, provide technical assistance, and support our partners in providing better opportunities, and ultimately better education for kids with disabilities."

Do you like it?

"It's a great and exciting opportunity. I've only been in this office a few months and I'm in the acting capacity. But I'm really trying to provide leadership to help the organization become a sustainably high-performing organization that ultimately improves outcomes for the stakeholders—the customers that we serve—the kids, families, and adults with disabilities."

Do you ever go to the White House?

"I have meetings there often. It's very cool. If the day comes where I stop finding it incredibly cool, then it's time to do something different."

Stay in the Loop

Please be sure your Class Agent and the Office of Alumni Relations have your current mailing and email addresses.

Send your Alumni Notes to: Carol Thompson, Office of Law Alumni Relations, Western New England University School of Law, 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA 01119-2684, or email cthompson@law.wne.edu.



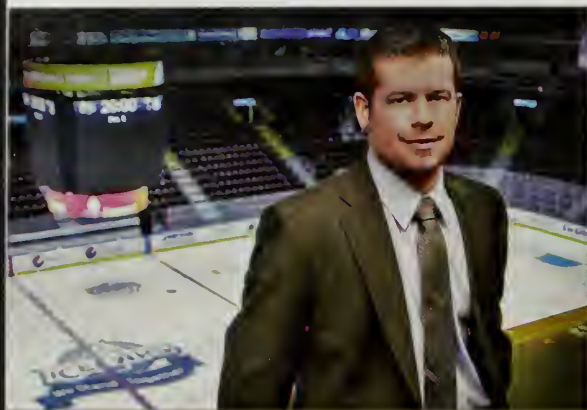
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Brad Andrews '11
Director of Hockey Operations
St. John's IceCaps, St. John's Newfoundland

Where are they now?

What's the relationship between your team and the Winnipeg Jets?

"The St. John's IceCaps are the American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate of the Winnipeg Jets of the National Hockey League (NHL). The AHL is the primary development league for NHL players, coaches, trainers, and management staff. During the 2011-12 season we had 14 players participate in games for both the IceCaps and the Jets.

What do you do all day?

"I am responsible for all team logistics. We are based in a very remote location, which requires us to have lengthy road trips, typically 11 to 12 days on average. So there's a lot of logistics in terms of booking flights, buses, hotels, team meals, practices, etc.

"In addition, I am the primary contact for the Jets for player transactions, accommodations, payroll info, immigration, and healthcare coverage. My assisting in these areas for the players allows them to focus on their job, which is to develop as players and win as a team on the ice.

"Another of my daily tasks is interpreting the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the AHL and the Professional Hockey Players Association to make sure our team is adhering to everything that has been agreed upon between both parties."

Sounds like your legal education could be useful there.

"When I was in law school I did an independent study that focused on the NHL CBA with Professor Peter Adomeit, with whom I had taken a course in labor law. The NHL CBA is a larger document than the AHL CBA, so having combed through all of that legal language with him really benefitted me in terms of being able to understand the AHL CBA. In addition, the contracts and sales courses I took with Professor Matthew Charity have certainly helped me understand the terms and clauses in the various types of contracts I review on a regular basis."

Have you always loved hockey?

"Well, my father actually works in this league as well. He's the president of the AHL. So I essentially grew up in the locker room."



Spratt '09, Longobardi '09, and Bouchard '09



Terek '09-Sposato '10 Wedding

Laura Cummings has joined the Connecticut Business and Industry Associations (CBIA) team on governmental affairs. She covers education, workers' compensation, and corporate governance and liability.

Jonathan Longobardi, Marcy Spratt, and Taylor Bouchard attended the wedding of Dan Terek and Rachel Sposato on October 13, 2012.

Daniel J. Terek married **Rachel Sposato '10** on October 13, 2012. Dan is currently an account director at Catalyst Online, in Newton, MA. Their wedding was officiated by **Taylor Bouchard '09** and **Matt Wallin '09**. Also participating in the ceremony was **Zunaira Salim '10**, a prosecutor in Lawrenceville, GA.

2010

Class Agent **Staci Zaretsky**
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Delton F. Caraway has joined Cornwall Law Offices in Binghamton, NY.

Rachel M. Sposato married **Daniel Terek '09** on October 13, 2012. Rachel has joined the law firm of Donahue, Grolman & Earle in Boston.

Kyle Steller is working as a staff attorney in the domestic violence unit at Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, NY.

2011

Class Agents: **Julie McKenna**
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Maren Law
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Whitney Holovach married Christopher Abel on September 15, 2012. Whitney is working at the Massachusetts Fair Housing Center in Holyoke, MA.

Amelia J. Holston and **Stephen Holstrom** were married on May 26, 2012. The guests included **Kelly Ferguson '12, Joseph Moen '11, Stephanie MacDougall '11, Robyn Gallagher '11, Zachary Stevens '11, Raquel Babeu '12, Alex Glomb '11, Jared Olinski '11, Kelly Corrigan '12, Devon Grierson '11, Geoffrey Farrington '12, Kathleen Tonkovich '11, Miranda Profit '10, Peter Santos '11, and Rachel Barmack '11.**

Kimberly Kirkland has joined Fitzgerald Attorneys at Law, P.C., in East Longmeadow, MA, where she focuses in the areas of civil and commercial litigation, personal injury, and domestic relations.

Rachel Rothman has opened her solo practice, the Law Office of Rachel Rothman, in Northampton, MA, where she provides representation to SSI/SSDI claimants, tenants in housing court, and women with general family law matters.

2012

Mario Brown II is currently the law clerk to the Honorable Lawrence M. Lawson, State of New Jersey Superior Court.

Kathryn Crouss has joined the law firm of Bacon Wilson, P.C., in Springfield, MA, as a litigation associate.

Michael A. Fenton has joined the firm of Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C., in Springfield, MA, where he will focus on business law, commercial real estate, and estate planning. Michael also received the *BusinessWest* 40 Under Forty 2012 award.

Lauren Marcous has opened a solo practice in Easthampton, MA, specializing in landlord/tenant law, consumer protection law, special education law, and disability law. Last May, Lauren was the Law Student Honoree at the gala of the National Lawyers Guild (NGL) in Massachusetts chapter. A Public Interest Scholar, Lauren reinstituted the School of Law's NLG chapter.



Holston '11-Holstrom '11 Wedding

Brendan Payne has relocated to Denver, CO, where he is a copywriter for a financial services firm and is licensed in the state of Colorado. Brendan served Western New England University for six years as the Assistant Director of Copywriting Services.

Wesley S. Peters works at Shareholder Representative Services, LLC, in Denver, CO, specializing in private company mergers and acquisitions.

Peter Zarella is a law clerk at the State of Connecticut Superior Court.



Heard Around the Common

A snapshot of recent events at the School of Law



"I wanted to be a lawyer for as long as I can remember. My dad is a lawyer. He passed the bar on the day I was born, so I guess it was karma! I went to law school together with the older of my two brothers. We took the LSATs, went through school, studied and sat for the bar together. Then we joined our father in practice. It was great fun.

When my son was born in 1994, I remained in practice with my family, but on a part-time basis. When an opening for an Assistant Clerk of Courts was posted some years later, I applied and was selected. Then 15 years later, the opportunity to run for the office of Clerk arose. My son was now grown and heading to college and I was ready for a career challenge.

As someone new to the political arena, it was an eye opener. I was certainly an underdog, but ignorance is bliss—I didn't realize that the political community gave me little chance. So I just plugged along with the same motto my brother and I had when we took the bar exam: Win or lose, I'm going to look back and be able to say that I gave 100 percent.

The challenge has been invigorating. I've been able to hit the ground running and have already implemented some of the changes that I envisioned. All the feedback has been positive. I manage the administrative tasks with relative ease. I feel as though I have come full circle with my career, which is why I wanted to be sworn in at the Western New England University School of Law, my alma mater, which is now my son's school, as well!"

Laura Gentile '91 was sworn in as Hampden County Clerk of Courts on January 2 in the Blake Law Center Moot Court Room. The Hon. C. Brian McDonald presided.

In Memoriam

The magazine has received notice of the deaths of the following members of the School of Law family.

Robert H. Andrews '66 passed away August 25, 2012. He leaves his wife, Barbara Andrews, and his children, Ellen, Kathy, Jonathan, and Mark.

Michael J. Burke '99 passed away August 14, 2012. He is survived by his sister, Maureen, and brother-in-law, Jerome Killeen, of Mill Rift, PA.

Paul J. Carr '76 passed away July 27, 2010. He is survived by his mom, Theresa Carr of Orlando, FL; his wife, Katherine Weltz Carr; his son, Jonathan Carr of Little Egg Harbor, NJ; brothers Lloyd, John, and James; and sisters, Mary Wolf, Kathy Carr, and Stacy Carr.

Chester E. Flavin '64 passed away December 24, 2012. He leaves his three children: Timothy Flavin and his wife, Lorraine; Pamela Flavin Croke '80 and her husband, Thomas Croke '78; and Deborah Flavin Eley.

Bernard Glazier '41 passed away October 1, 2012. He leaves his daughters, Karen Heafitz and Faith Toraby.

Jonathan B. Hunt '71 passed away November 2, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Ginger of Turners Falls, MA; and his children: Jonathan, Gary, and Kenneth, all of Wilbraham, MA; Laura Hunt of Springfield, MA; Todd Cote of San Francisco, CA; Scott Cote of Greenfield, MA; and Chad Cote of Turners Falls, MA.

Terry K. Leckman '77 passed away December 27, 2012. He leaves his wife, JoAnn Cartwright Leckman; sons Matthew and Eric Leckman; and daughter, Amanda Leckman.

Robert E. Paola Sr. '84 passed away October 27, 2012. He leaves his wife, Barbara Paola; his daughter, Brenda Yeomans; and his son, Robert E. Paola Jr. He is also survived by his sisters, Irma LeBoeuf and Donna Spino.

Carl Russo '83 passed away October 7, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Burnham; their children, Blyth and Alexander, and his brothers, Michael and John.

Philip J. Tarpey Jr. '62 passed away December 20, 2012. He leaves his sister, Elizabeth Tarpey; his children: Kathleen T. Breck '86 and her husband, Edward; Philip and his wife, Kathryn; Kerry '92 and her husband, Derek Kumpulanian; and Michael and his wife, Andrea. His wife, Constance, predeceased him.

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Use our website to receive news from the School, access library resources, or find other Western New England University School of Law alums through our "Alumni Finder" feature. Visit www.law.wne.edu/alumni.

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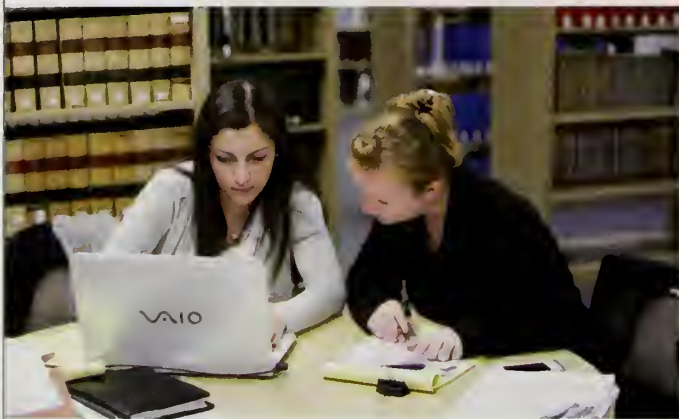
Our highly successful CLE programs have covered topics ranging from probating an estate to trying OUI cases. All alums get a discounted rate of \$80. For details, visit www.law.wne.edu.

Career Services

Alumni seeking career advice or offering employment can take advantage of the services of the Office of Career Services. The office assists with résumé writing, employment correspondence, interviewing preparation, career decision-making, and job search strategy. Through the online Intercollegiate Job Bank, alums have access to job listings from law schools across the country. The office can also coordinate reciprocity of job postings with over 50 law schools. Contact Career Services at jobpost@law.wne.edu or 413-782-1416.

Networking and Referrals

Networking opportunities for alumni include, not only area receptions, but also the ability to search the alumni database. Once you have created an account and logged in, you can use the Alumni Finder online tool to search for fellow alums by different criteria such as state, grad year, or area of practice. This is also a great resource when looking for a colleague to refer a case to. Visit www.law.alumni.edu/alumni.



School of Law Library

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8	Syracuse Alumni Reception Bull & Bear Pub, 5:00-7:00 p.m.	7	Reunion Gathering (all classes) hosted by the Class of 1983 at Mama Iguana's, Columbus Ave., Springfield, 6-8:00 p.m. \$15. Register on Law Alumni webpage.	SEPTEMBER 2013 3-11 Alumni Travel Trip to Apulia, Italy 17 IRS Tax Workshop - Tax Exempt Status as a Nonprofit Organization Rivers Auditorium 9:00 a.m-4:00 p.m. Cost \$25. Register on Law Alumni webpage.		NOVEMBER 2013 8 14th Annual Dinner for Students and Alumni of Color	
18	Law Commencement, 9:30 a.m. Springfield Symphony Hall						
21	Dial-A-Lawyer call-in program	8	Reunion Dinner celebrating years ending in 3 and 8. 6:00 p.m. \$75. Register on Law Alumni webpage.				

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